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At a Session of the CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, begun and held at the City of New York, on Monday, the fourth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety; being the Second Session of the First Congress held under the present Constitution of Government for the United States: On which day, being the day appointed by law for the meeting of the present session, the following members of the House of Representatives appeared and took their seats, to wit:

From New Hampshire,	{ Abiel Foster, Nicholas Gilman, and Samuel Livermore.
From Massachusetts,	{ Fisher Ames, Elbridge Gerry, Benjamin Goodhue, Jonathan Grout, George Partridge, and George Thatcher.
From Connecticut,	Roger Sherman.
From New York,	{ Egbert Benson, William Floyd, and John Lawrance.
From Pennsylvania,	{ Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, <i>Speaker</i> . Peter Muhlenberg, and Thomas Scott.
From Maryland,	Joshua Seney.
From Virginia,	{ John Brown, Isaac Coles, Samuel Griffin, and Alexander White.
From South Carolina,	{ Edanus Burke, Daniel Huger, William Smith, and Thomas Tudor Tucker.
From Georgia,	Abraham Baldwin.

But a quorum of the whole number not being present,
The House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5.

The House met according to adjournment.

Another member, to wit: Elias Boudinot, from New Jersey, appeared and took his seat.

But a quorum of the whole number not being present,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6.

The House met according to adjournment.

Several other members, to wit: from New Jersey, James Schureman; and from Virginia, John Page and Richard Bland Lee; appeared and took their seats.

But a quorum of the whole number not being present,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7.

The House met according to adjournment.

Several other members, to wit: from Connecticut, Jonathan Sturges and Jeremiah Wadsworth; from New York, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer; from Maryland, Daniel Carroll; and from Georgia, George Mathews; appeared and took their seats.

And a quorum of the whole number being present,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that a quorum of this House is assembled, and ready to proceed to business; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the President of the United States, of the fourth instant, requesting that when there shall be a sufficient number of the two Houses of Congress assembled to proceed to business, he may be informed of it; and, also, at what time and place it will be convenient for Congress that he should meet them, in order to make some oral communications at the commencement of their session; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as shall be appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses has assembled, and will be ready, in the Senate Chamber, at such time as he shall appoint, to receive any communications which he may think proper to make. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Gilman, Mr. Ames, and Mr. Seney, be appointed a committee on the part of this House for the purpose expressed in the message from the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to examine the Journal of the last session, and to report therefrom all such matters of business as were then depending and undetermined; and a committee was appointed, of Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. White.

On motion,

Resolved, That two Chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to Congress, for the present session, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, pursuant to the order of to-day, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President was pleased to say he would attend, to make his communication to both Houses of Congress, to-morrow morning, at eleven o'clock.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at half past ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8.

Another member, to wit: Henry Wynkoop, from Pennsylvania, appeared and took his seat.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the resolution of this House for the appointment of two Chaplains to Congress, for the present session, and have elected the Right Reverend Doctor Samuel Provost, on their part. The Senate are also now ready in the

Senate Chamber to attend this House in receiving the communication from the President of the United States. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Speaker, attended by the members of this House, then withdrew to the Senate Chamber for the purpose expressed in the message from the Senate : and being returned,

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a copy of the Speech delivered by the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress, in the Senate Chamber, as followeth :

Fellow Citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives :

I embrace, with great satisfaction, the opportunity which now presents itself, of congratulating you on the present favorable prospects of our public affairs. The recent accession of the important State of North Carolina to the Constitution of the United States, (of which official information has been received ;) the rising credit and respectability of our country ; and the general increasing good will towards the Government of the Union ; and the concord, peace, and plenty, with which we are blessed—are circumstances auspicious, in an eminent degree, to our national prosperity.

In resuming your consultations for the general good, you cannot but derive encouragement from the reflection that the measures of the last session have been as satisfactory to your constituents as the novelty and difficulty of the work allowed you to hope. Still further to realize their expectations, and to secure the blessings which a gracious Providence has placed within our reach, will, in the course of the present important session, call for the cool and deliberate exertion of your patriotism, firmness, and wisdom.

Among the many interesting objects which will engage your attention, that of providing for the common defence will merit particular regard. To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.

A free People ought not only to be armed, but disciplined ; to which end a uniform and well digested plan is requisite : and their safety and interest require, that they should promote such manufactories as tend to render them independent on others for essential, particularly for military supplies.

The proper establishment of the troops which may be deemed indispensable, will be entitled to mature consideration. In the arrangements which may be made respecting it, it will be of importance to conciliate the comfortable support of the officers and soldiers with a due regard to economy.

There was reason to hope that the pacific measures adopted with regard to certain hostile tribes of Indians, would have relieved the inhabitants of our Southern and Western frontiers from their depredations. But you will perceive, from the information contained in the papers which I shall direct to be laid before you, (comprehending a communication from the Commonwealth of Virginia,) that we ought to be prepared to afford protection to those parts of the Union, and, if necessary, to punish aggressors.

The interests of the United States require that our intercourse with other nations should be facilitated by such provisions as will enable me to fulfil my duty, in that respect, in the manner which circumstances may render most conducive to the public good ; and, to this end, that the compensations to be made to the persons who may be employed, should, according to the nature of their appointments, be defined by law ; and a competent fund designated for defraying the expenses incident to the conduct of our foreign affairs.

Various considerations, also, render it expedient that the terms on which foreigners may be admitted to the rights of citizens, should be speedily ascertained by a uniform rule of naturalization.

Uniformity in the currency, weights, and measures, of the United States, is an object of great importance, and will, I am persuaded, be duly attended to.

The advancement of agriculture, commerce, and manufactures, by all proper means, will not, I trust, need recommendation. But I cannot forbear intimating to you the expediency of giving effectual encouragement, as well to the introduction of new and useful inventions from abroad, as to the exertions of skill and genius in producing them at home ; and of facilitating the intercourse between the distant parts of our country, by a due attention to the post office and post roads.

Nor am I less persuaded that you will agree with me in opinion, that there is nothing which can better deserve your patronage than the promotion of science and literature. Knowledge is, in every country, the surest basis of public happiness. In one in which the measures of Government receive their impression so immediately from the sense of the community, as in ours, it is proportionably essential. To the security of a free Constitution it contributes in various ways : by convincing those who are entrusted with

the public administration, that every valuable end of Government is best answered by the enlightened confidence of the People, and by teaching the People themselves to know and to value their own rights; to discern and provide against invasions of them; to distinguish between oppression and the necessary exercise of lawful authority; between burthens proceeding from a disregard to their convenience, and those resulting from the inevitable exigencies of society; to discriminate the spirit of liberty from that of licentiousness—cherishing the first, avoiding the last, and uniting a speedy but temporary vigilance against encroachments, with an inviolable respect to the laws.

Whether this desirable object will be best promoted by affording aids to seminaries of learning already established; by the institution of a national university; or by any other expedients—will be well worthy of a place in the deliberations of the Legislature.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

I saw, with peculiar pleasure, at the close of the last session, the resolution entered into by you, expressive of your opinion that an adequate provision for the support of the public credit, is a matter of high importance to the national honor and prosperity. In this sentiment I entirely concur. And to a perfect confidence in your best endeavors to devise such a provision as will be truly consistent with the end, I add an equal reliance on the cheerful co-operation of the other branch of the Legislature. It would be superfluous to specify inducements to a measure, in which the character and permanent interests of the United States are so obviously and so deeply concerned, and which has received so explicit a sanction from your declaration.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have directed the proper officers to lay before you, respectively, such papers and estimates as regard the affairs particularly recommended to your consideration, and necessary to convey to you that information of the state of the Union, which it is my duty to afford.

The welfare of our country is the great object to which our cares and efforts ought to be directed; and I shall derive great satisfaction from a co-operation with you, in the pleasing, though arduous task, of ensuring to our fellow-citizens the blessings which they have a right to expect from a free, efficient, and equal Government.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

United States, January 8, 1790.

On motion,

Resolved, That the said Speech be committed to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House then proceeded by ballot to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on the part of this House; and upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the Whole House was found in favor of the Reverend Doctor William Linn.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9.

Another member, to wit, George Clymer, from Pennsylvania, appeared and took his seat.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that he is now ready to report, at such time and in such manner as the House shall be pleased to direct, a plan, which he has prepared, relative to a provision for the support of the public credit, pursuant to an order of this House, of the 21st September last: Whereupon,

Ordered, That on Thursday next this House will receive, in writing, the report of the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury, agreeably to the order of the House of the twenty-first of September last.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said Speech under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on a question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee that an address ought to be presented by the House to the President of the United States, in answer to his Speech to both Houses, with assurances that this House will, without delay, proceed to take into their serious consideration the various and important matters recommended to their attention.

Ordered, That Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, Mr. Clymer, and Mr. Lawrance, be appointed a committee to prepare an address, pursuant to the said resolution.

A petition of Christopher Saddler, of Nova Scotia, in the dominion of Great Britain, mariner, was presented to the House, and read, praying to be relieved from the forfeiture of his vessel and cargo, which have been seized in the port of Boston, for a violation of the impost law of the United States; of which law the petitioner was wholly ignorant.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11.

Several other members, to wit, from Connecticut, Jonathan Trumbull; from New York, John Hathorn; and from Virginia, Andrew Moore; appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed to examine the Journal of the last session, and to report therefrom all such matters of business as were then depending and undetermined, made a report, which was read, and is as followeth:

"It appears to your committee, that the several petitions of David Ramsay, John Churchman, Alexander Lewis, Arthur Greer, Jedidiah Morse, John Fitch, Englehart Cruse, Nicholas Pike, Samuel Briggs, John Christopher Stoebel, Leonard Harbaugh, Hannah Adams, Christopher Colles, David Greenleaf, John Macpherson, Abraham Westervelt, James Rumsey, and William Hoy, respectively praying for exclusive privileges, as authors or inventors of some useful work or discovery, were ordered to lie on the table, and so remained during the session.

It further appears to your committee, that the several petitions of Martha Walker, Duncan Campbell, Tristram Coffin, William Finnie, Englebert Keimena, Thomasin Gordon, Prudent la Jeunesse, Baron de Steuben, and Richard Ham, respectively praying to be compensated for military services, or for injuries or losses sustained during the late war, were referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, to examine and report upon to the present session.

It further appears to your committee, that the several petitions of John M'Garragh, Dudley Tyler, Patrick Bennet, John Hurt, James Gibbons, Archibald M'Alister, Alexander Power, Attorney for Colonel Flower's regiment, Henry Malcolm, and Charles Markley, respectively praying to be compensated for military services rendered during the late war, were referred to the Secretary of War, to examine and report upon to the present session.

It further appears to your committee, that the several petitions of Andrew Newell and Seth Clarke, Sarah Parker, Bartlet Hinds, Robert Frazier, David Sturges, Richard Philips, James M'Lean, James Read, and Thomas Barclay, respectively praying that certain claims which they exhibit against the United States, may be considered and allowed, were ordered to lie on the table, and so remained during the session.

It also appears to your committee, that the petition of Joseph Wheaton, Serjeant-at-Arms to this House, praying an inquiry into the charges exhibited against him in certain anonymous letters, was ordered to lie on the table, and so remained during the session.

Your committee further report, that committees were appointed to prepare and bring in the several bills following, to wit:

A bill to establish a Uniform System on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States.

A bill for the further encouragement of the Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

A bill providing for the Actual Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States.

Also, a bill providing a proper System of Regulation for the Militia of the United States: Neither of which bills were reported during the session.

It also appears to your committee, that there were postponed by this House, for further consideration, until the present session, the several bills following, to wit:

A bill to promote the Progress of Science and Useful Arts, by securing to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries.

A bill for the establishment of Hospitals for the relief of sick and disabled Seamen, and prescribing regulations for the harbors of the United States.

A bill concerning the Importation of Certain Persons prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eight.

A bill to establish a Land Office in and for the Western Territory. Also,

A bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the punishment of certain Crimes against the United States."

That the bill, entitled "An act to establish the Seat of Government of the United States," was postponed by the Senate, for the further consideration of an amendment proposed by this House, until the present session.

And lastly: That the report of the committee appointed to examine into the measures taken by Congress, and the State of Virginia, respecting lands reserved for the officers and soldiers of the said State, was postponed by this House, for further consideration, until the present session."

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, an address to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petition of Christopher Saddler, presented on Saturday last, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill providing for the actual enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States:

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Foster, Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Schureman, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Seney, Mr. White, Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, and Mr. Baldwin.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Private Secretary, who delivered in the same, together with the papers therein referred to, and then withdrew.

The said message, and papers accompanying it, were read, and are as follow:

UNITED STATES, *January 11, 1790.*

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

I have directed Mr. Lear, my Private Secretary, to lay before you a copy of the adoption and ratification of the Constitution of the United States, by the State of North Carolina, together with a copy of a letter from his Excellency Samuel Johnston, President of the Convention of said State, to the President of the United States.

The originals of the papers which are herewith transmitted to you, will be lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

"*FAYETTVILLE, State of North Carolina, 4th December, 1789.*

SIR: By order of the Convention of the People of this State, I have the honor to transmit to you the ratification and adoption of the Constitution of the United States, by the said Convention, in behalf of the People.

With sentiments of the highest consideration and respect, I have the honour to be, sir, your most faithful and obedient servant,

SAMUEL JOHNSTON, *President of the Convention.*

To the President of the United States.

I do certify the above to be a true copy from the original.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*

A Copy of the Adoption and Ratification of the Constitution of the United States, by the State of North Carolina.

State of North Carolina, in Convention.

Whereas the General Convention which met in Philadelphia, in pursuance of a recommendation of Congress, did recommend to the citizens of the United States, a Constitution or Form of Government, in the following words, viz:

"We the People," &c.

[Here follows the Constitution of the United States, verbatim.]

Resolved, That this Convention, in behalf of the freemen, citizens, and inhabitants, of the State of North Carolina, do adopt and ratify the said Constitution and Form of Government.

Done in Convention, this twenty-first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

SAMUEL JOHNSTON, *President of the Convention*.

J. HUNT,
JAS. TAYLOR, } *Secretaries*.

By the direction of the President of the United States, I have examined and compared the foregoing with the adoption and ratification of the Constitution of the United States, by the State of North Carolina, which was transmitted to the President of the United States, by Samuel Johnston, President of the Convention of said State, as well as the transcript of the Constitution of the United States, recited in the said ratification, which I certify to be a true copy.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*"

Ordered, That the said message and papers do lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, on the Address to the President of the United States, in answer to his Speech to both Houses of Congress.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said Address under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Resolved unanimously, That this House doth agree to the said Address, in the words following, to wit:

SIR: The Representatives of the People of the United States have taken into consideration your Speech to both Houses of Congress, at the opening of the present session.

We reciprocate your congratulations on the accession of the State of North Carolina; an event which, while it is a testimony of the increasing good will towards the Government of the Union, cannot fail to give additional dignity and strength to the American Republic, already rising in the estimation of the world, in national character and respectability.

The information that our measures of the last session have not proved dissatisfactory to our constituents, affords us much encouragement at this juncture, when we are resuming the arduous task of legislating for so extensive an empire.

Nothing can be more gratifying to the Representatives of a free People, than the reflection that their labors are rewarded by the approbation of their fellow citizens. Under this impression, we shall make every exertion to realize their expectations, and to secure to them those blessings which Providence has placed within their reach. Still prompted by the same desire to promote their interests which then actuated us, we shall, in the present session, diligently and anxiously pursue those measures which shall appear to us conducive to that end.

We concur with you in the sentiment, that agriculture, commerce, and manufactures, are entitled to legislative protection, and that the promotion of science and literature will contribute to the security of a free Government; in the progress of our deliberations we shall not lose sight of objects so worthy of our regard.

The various and weighty matters which you have judged necessary to recommend to our attention, appear to us essential to the tranquillity and welfare of the Union, and claim our early and most serious consideration. We shall proceed, without delay, to bestow on them that calm discussion which their importance requires.

We regret that the pacific arrangements pursued with regard to certain hostile tribes of Indians, have not been attended with that success which we had reason to expect from them: We shall not hesitate to concur in such further measures as may best obviate any ill effects which might be apprehended from the failure of those negotiations.

Your approbation of the vote of this House, at the last session, respecting the provision for the public creditors, is very acceptable to us. The proper mode of carrying that resolution into effect being a subject in which the future character and happiness of these States are deeply involved, will be among the first to deserve our attention.

The prosperity of the United States is the primary object of all our deliberations; and we cherish the reflection that every measure which we may adopt for its advancement, will not only receive your cheerful concurrence, but will, at the same time, derive from your co-operation, additional efficacy, in insuring to our fellow citizens the blessings of a free, efficient, and equal Government.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker, attended by the House, do present the said Address; and that Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, Mr. Clymer, and Mr. Lawrance, be a committee to wait on the President, to know when and where it will be convenient for him to receive the same.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by the Secretary of War, accompanied by a statement of the Southwestern Frontier and of the Indian Department; which were partly read.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13.

Several other members, to wit, from Connecticut, Benjamin Huntington; from New Jersey, Lambert Cadwalader; from Pennsylvania, Daniel Heister; and from Maryland, William Smith; appeared and took their seats.

On motion,

Ordered, That so much of the standing rules and orders of this House as directs the mode of appointing committees, be rescinded; and that hereafter it be a standing rule of the House, that all committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, unless otherwise specially directed by the House, in which case they shall be appointed by ballot; and if, upon such ballot, the number required shall not be elected by a majority of the votes given, the House shall proceed to a second ballot, in which a plurality of votes shall prevail; and in case a greater number than are required to compose or complete the committee shall have an equal number of votes, the House shall proceed to a further ballot or ballots.

The House resumed the reading of the statement of the Southwestern Frontiers and of the Indian Department, as referred to in the President's message of yesterday; and having gone through the same,

Ordered, That the said message and statement be referred to a committee of five, and that Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Brown, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Baldwin, be of the said committee.

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, to know when and where it will be convenient to him to receive the address of this House, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress, reported:

That the committee had, according to order, waited on the President, and that he signified to them that it would be convenient to him to receive the said address at 12 o'clock to-morrow, at his own house.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14.

Two other members, to wit, from Massachusetts, Theodore Sedgwick; and from Pennsylvania, Thomas Hartley; appeared and took their seats.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Livermore, Mr. Ames, Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, be added to the committee appointed yesterday, and to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States of Tuesday last, together with the statement of the Southwestern Frontiers and of the Indian Department.

Mr. Speaker, attended by the House, then withdrew to the house of the President of the United States, and there presented to him the address of this House, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress; to which the President made the following reply:

GENTLEMEN: I receive with pleasure the assurances you give me, that you will diligently and anxiously pursue such measures as shall appear to you conducive to the interest of your constituents; and that an early and serious consideration will be given to the various and weighty matters recommended by me to your attention.

I have full confidence that your deliberations will continue to be directed by an enlightened and virtuous zeal for the happiness of our country.

G. WASHINGTON.

Mr. Speaker and the members being returned into the House,

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with his report relative to a provision for the support of the public credit, made pursuant to the order of this House of Saturday last; and the said report, with the papers therein referred to, being read,

Resolved, That this House will, on this day fortnight, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, to take into consideration the said report and papers.

Ordered, That three hundred copies of the said report and papers be forthwith struck for the use of the members of both Houses.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15.

Another member, to wit: James Jackson, from Georgia, appeared and took his seat.

A memorial of John Cochran, late Receiver of Continental Taxes in the State of New York, and Commissioner of the Loan Office for the same, was presented to the House and read, praying that a further allowance may be made him for his services and expenses in the said two offices, the salary allowed by the late Congress having been very inadequate thereto. Also,

A petition of William Montgomery and Abraham Owen, praying that any exclusive privilege which Congress shall judge proper to grant to James Rumsey, as the author of certain devices and inventions, may be restricted to the plans or specifications thereof deposited by the said Rumsey in the files of Congress, in such manner that the petitioners, or others, may not be precluded from making or using any machinery not comprised in the said plans or specifications.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanied by his reports on the several petitions of James Gibbon and Alexander M'Alister, Dudley Tyler, Charles Markley, John Hurt, Patrick Bennet, Henry Malcolm, and John M'Garragh, which were referred to him to examine and report upon by an order of this House of the twenty-fifth of September last.

The said letter and reports were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House then, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and had come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as followeth:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee that the several matters, recommended by the President of the United States, in his speech to both Houses of Congress, relating to a provision for the national defence; to the promotion of manufactories for essential, particularly for military supplies; to a compensation to the persons employed in the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations; to the establishing a uniform rule of naturalization; to the establishment of uniformity in the currency, weights, and measures; to the advancement of the agriculture, commerce, and manufactures, of the United States; to the encouragement of useful inventions; to the establishment of Post Offices and Post Roads; and to the promotion of science and literature; ought severally to be referred to select committees to be appointed by the House, to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, providing for each particular purpose."

The said resolution being again read,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills providing for the national defence; and that Mr. Gilman, Mr. Peter Muhlenberg, Mr. Heister, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Floyd, be of the said committee.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for making compensation to persons employed in the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations; and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Lee, be of the said committee.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for establishing a uniform rule of naturalization; and that Mr. Hartley, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Moore, be of the said committee.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury to prepare and report to this House, a proper plan or plans, conformably to the recommendation of the Presi-

dent of the United States, in his speech to both Houses of Congress, for the encouragement and promotion of such manufactories as will tend to render the United States independent of other nations for essential, particularly for military supplies.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Secretary of State to prepare and report to this House, in like manner, a proper plan or plans for establishing uniformity in the currency, weights, and measures, of the United States.

On motion,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to make such alteration in the laws of the United States, as are necessary to conform the same to the present circumstances of the State of North Carolina; and that Mr. Benson, Mr. Trumbull, and Mr. Cadwalader, do prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18.

Two other members, to wit: from New Jersey, Thomas Sinnickson; and from Maryland, Michael Jenifer Stone; appeared and took their seats.

A petition of James Hubbs, of the State of New Jersey, mariner, was presented to the House and read, praying to be relieved from a prosecution commenced against him at the suit of the United States, for the sum of four hundred dollars, being the penalty fixed by law for transporting goods from one district to another of the same State, without a manifest; of which law, at the time of committing the offence, he was wholly ignorant.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the memorial of John Cochran, presented on Friday last, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Hannibal William Dobbyn, of the Kingdom of Ireland, was presented to the House and read, setting forth that he is desirous of becoming a citizen of the United States, and of making a considerable purchase of the public lands; and praying that the Secretary of the Treasury may be authorized to contract with him for that purpose.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Page, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Partridge; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Gerard Bancker, Treasurer of the State of New York, accompanied with a copy of the laws of the said State, transmitted for the use of this House, pursuant to concurrent resolutions of the Senate and Assembly of the said State.

Ordered, That the said letter do lie on the table.

Mr. Foster, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill providing for the actual enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19.

A petition of Benjamin Bird, of Waltham, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that there may be granted to him, under such restrictions or bonds as Congress shall require, duplicates of eight Continental Loan Office certificates, amounting to three thousand four hundred dollars, the property of the petitioner, and which he casually lost some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight. Also,

The several petitions of Nathan Fuller, of the same State, and of Salmon Burr, Lemuel Cravath, John Holbrook, Jeremiah Ryan, Ezra Smith, and Ruth Roberts, relict of Lemuel Roberts, deceased, of the State of Connecticut, praying that their respective claims for losses or injuries sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war, may be liquidated and satisfied.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A bill providing for the actual enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for making compensation to persons employed in the intercourse be-

tween the United States and foreign nations, to include therein a compensation to persons who may be employed in such intercourse.

Mr. Page, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Hannibal William Dobbyn, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing his report on the petition of Christopher Saddler; which was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Ames, Mr. Sturges, Mr. Stone, Mr. Griffin, and Mr. Wynkoop.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House such information as he may have obtained respecting any difficulties which may have occurred in the execution of the several laws for collecting duties on goods, wares, and merchandises, and on tonnage, and for regulating the coasting trade, together with his opinion thereupon.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20.

Two other members, to wit: James Madison, junior, and Josiah Parker, from Virginia, appeared and took their seats.

Ordered, That the several petitions of Ruth Roberts, Jeremiah Ryan, Ezra Smith, and Salmon Burr, which were presented yesterday, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction that he do examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the County of Westchester, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying to be compensated for considerable quantities of wheat, rye, corn, oats, and hay, cattle, sheep, and hogs, which were taken from them during the late war, for the use of the Army.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee on the petition of Hannibal William Dobbyn: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table; and that the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House a uniform system for the disposition of lands the property of the United States.

On motion,

Ordered, That the state of facts respecting the Western Territory, reported by a committee of this House the last session, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for his information.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, with the statement of the Southwestern frontier, and of the Indian Department, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to a resolution appointing a committee on their part, to confer with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to consider and report whether or not the business begun previous to the late adjournment of Congress shall now be proceeded in as if no adjournment had taken place; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said resolution being twice read at the Clerk's table,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the same; and that Mr. Sherman, Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Hartley, Mr. White, and Mr. Jackson, be a committee on the part of this House for the purpose therein mentioned.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21.

Several other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, George Leonard; from New York, Peter Silvester; and from Pennsylvania, Thomas Fitzsimons; appeared and took their seats.

A petition of Lemuel Miller, of the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed the commutation of half pay for his services five years and five months, as lieutenant in the Army during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petition of David Sturges, which was presented at the last session, praying to be allowed a pension in consideration of a wound in his left hand, which be

received in the service of the United States, during the late war, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction that he do examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by the Secretary of War, who delivered in the same, together with the plan therein referred to. And then withdrew.

The said message was then read, and is as followeth :

UNITED STATES, *January 21, 1790.*

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

The Secretary of the Department of War has submitted to me certain principles, to serve as a plan for the general arrangement of the Militia of the United States.

Conceiving the subject to be of the greatest importance to the welfare of our country, and liable to be placed in various points of view, I have directed him to lay the plan before Congress for their information, that they may make such use thereof as they shall judge proper.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Ordered, That the said message and plan be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ordered, That three hundred copies of the said plan be forthwith struck for the use of the members of both Houses.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The report of the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, with the statement of the Southwestern frontier, and of the Indian Department, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and agreed thereto without any amendment.

The House proceeded to consider the said report, and, after some time spent therein, The House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a report made to him by the Postmaster General, respecting the Post Office, and suggesting a plan for its future establishment ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Sinnickson, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Stone ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A bill providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Sherman, from the committee appointed to confer with the committee appointed by the Senate, to consider and report whether or not the business begun previous to the late adjournment of Congress, shall now be proceeded in as if no adjournment had taken place, reported that, in the opinion of the committee, the business unfinished between the two Houses, at the late adjournment, ought to be regarded as if it had not been passed upon by either.

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for the Actual Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States, was read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25.

A petition of James Price was presented to the House and read, praying that his claim for supplies furnished to the American army in Canada, during the late war, may be liquidated and satisfied,

Also, a petition of Gabriel Allen, of the State of New Jersey, praying that duplicates may be granted him of certain Continental Loan Office certificates, of which he was possessed, and casually lost some time in the year 1778.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary; who delivered in the same, together with the papers therein referred to. And then withdrew.

The said message and papers were read, and are as follow :

UNITED STATES, *January 25, 1790.*

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have received from his Excellency John E. Howard, Governor of the State of Maryland, an act of the Legislature of Maryland, to ratify certain Articles in addition to, and amendment of, the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States; and have directed my Secretary to lay a copy of the same before you, together with the copy of a letter accompanying the above act, from his Excellency the Governor of Maryland to the President of the United States.

The originals will be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

G. WASHINGTON.

“ANNAPOLIS, *January 15, 1790.*

SIR: I have the honor to enclose a copy of an act of the Legislature of Maryland, to ratify certain Articles in addition to, and amendment of, the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.

I have the honor to be, with the highest respect, sir, your most obedient servant,

J. E. HOWARD.

His Excellency the PRESIDENT of the United States.

I do certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the original letter from John E. Howard, Governor of the State of Maryland, to the President of the United States.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the
President of the United States.*

An act to ratify certain Articles in addition to, and amendment of, the Constitution of the U. States of America, proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.

Whereas it is provided, by the fifth article of the Constitution of the United States of America, that Congress, whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the said Constitution, or, on the application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing amendments, which, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the said Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress. And whereas, at a session of the United States, begun and held at the city of New York, on Wednesday, the fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, it was resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the said United States in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States, all, or any of which articles, when ratified by three-fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the said Constitution, viz :

[Here follow the several articles of amendment, in the words agreed to by Congress.]

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the aforesaid articles, and each of them, be, and they are hereby, confirmed and ratified.

By the House of Delegates, December 17, 1789. Read and assented to.

By order, W. HARWOOD, *Clerk.*

By the Senate, December 19, 1789. Read and assented to.

By order, H. RIDGELY, *Clerk.*

J. E. HOWARD. (Seal appendant.)

I hereby certify, that the above is a true copy from the original engrossed act, as passed by the Legislature of the State of Maryland.

T. JOHNSON, Jun. *Clerk Council.*

MARYLAND, ss.

In testimony that Thomas Johnson, jun. is Clerk of the Executive Council of the State of Maryland, I have hereunto affixed the great seal of the said State. Witness my hand, this fifteenth day of January, Anno Domini 1790.

SAMUEL HARVEY HOWARD, *Reg. Cur. Can.*

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the act transmitted to the President of the United States, by J. E. Howard, Governor of the State of Maryland.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*

Ordered, That the said message and papers do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for the Actual Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to a resolution, that the business unfinished between the two Houses, at the late adjournment, ought to be regarded as if it had not been passed upon by either; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution; and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Benson, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina; which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. Hurtley, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill establishing an uniform rule of naturalization; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The bill for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, making a general provision for securing to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries; and that Mr. Burke, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Cadwalader, do prepare and bring in the same.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations, was read and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26.

A petition of Rufus Lincoln, of Taunton, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services as a recruiting officer during the late war.

Also, a petition of the merchants and other inhabitants of the town of Portland, in the said State, praying that sundry inconveniences which they suggest have arisen in the execution of the laws of impost, and for regulating the coasting trade, may be remedied, and the said laws amended.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and gone through the same, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A bill establishing an uniform rule of naturalization, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the petition of James Price, presented yesterday, be referred to Mr. Ames, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Boudnot; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for the Actual Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and gone through the same, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be re-committed to Mr. Foster, Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Schureman, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Seney, Mr. White, Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Madison.

Mr. Ames, from the committee to whom was referred the report from the Secretary of the Treasury, on the petition of Christopher Saddler, made a report; which was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

That, in the opinion of the committee, provision ought to be made by law for the remission or mitigation of fines, forfeitures, and penalties, in certain cases.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said report; and that Mr. Ames, Mr. Sturges, Mr. Stone, Mr. Griffin, and Mr. Wynkoop, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Ames, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for the remission or mitigation of Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, in certain cases; which was received, and read the first time.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to bring to this House a letter addressed to the Congress of the United States, from Gaetan Drago de Dominico, dated Genoa, the twenty-first of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine. And he delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27.

An engrossed bill for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A bill to provide for the remission or mitigation of fines, forfeitures, and penalties, in certain cases, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on this day se'nnight.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and gone through the same, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion,

Resolved, That the petition of Hannibal William Dobbyn be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, who was directed to report a general plan for the sale of the lands, the property of the United States, for his information.

A petition of Ezra Stiles, in behalf of the President and Fellows of Yale College, in Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying that the impost duties arising on a philosophical apparatus lately purchased and imported from London, for the use of the said College, may be remitted.

Also, a petition of John Wait, praying that his claim for arrearages of pay, due to sundry soldiers of the late Army, transferred to him, and for which he supplied them with clothing and other necessities, may be allowed.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28.

On motion,

The House proceeded to consider the petition of John Wait, presented yesterday: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be rejected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit, be postponed until Monday se'nnight.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, who delivered in the same, together with the papers therein referred to, and then withdrew.

The said message was read, and is as followeth:

UNITED STATES, January 28, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have directed my Secretary to lay before you the copy of an act of the Legislature of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, entitled "An act for calling a Convention to take into consideration the Constitution proposed for the United States, passed on the seventeenth day of September, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, by the General Convention held at Philadelphia;" together with the copy of a letter accompanying the said act, from his Excellency John Collins, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to the President of the United States.

The originals of the foregoing act and letter will be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Ordered, That the said message, and papers accompanying the same, be referred to Mr. Benson, Mr. Grout, and Mr. Coles, with instruction that they do prepare and bring in a bill or bills for granting the suspension applied for by the Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in behalf of the said State.

Mr. Burke, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for securing the copy right of Books to Authors and Proprietors; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for securing to Authors and Inventors an exclusive right to their respective writing and discoveries, that they do insert a clause or clauses for giving effectual encouragement to the introduction of useful arts from foreign countries.

On motion,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to examine into the measures taken by Congress and the State of Virginia, respecting the lands reserved for the use of the officers and soldiers of the said State, on Continental and State Establishments, in the cession made by the said State to the United States, of the territory Northwest of the river Ohio, and to report the same to this House; and that Mr. White, Mr. Peter Muhlenberg, and Mr. Seney, be of the said committee.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying a statement of his accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the public money, from the time of his appointment until the thirty-first of December last; which were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Smith, of Maryland, Mr. Moore, Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, Mr. Van Rensselaer, and Mr. Clymer.

A bill for securing the copy-right of books to Authors and Proprietors, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A petition of Aaron Putnam, of Medford, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that an exclusive privilege may be granted him in the use of an improved method of distilling, which he has discovered, whereby the spirit is rendered much more pure, and, with the same expense and time, twice the quantity produced as in the common method.

Also, a petition of Francis Bailey, of the city of Philadelphia, printer, praying that an exclusive privilege may be granted him, in the use of an invention which he has discovered, of forming types for printing devices to surround or make parts of printed papers for any purpose, which cannot be counterfeited.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for securing to Authors and Inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the punishment of certain Crimes against the United States," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

A petition of Roger Alden, Deputy Secretary to the late Congress, was presented to the House and read, praying that compensation may be made for his services, those of a clerk which he employed, and the expenses of office incident to the care and custody of the records and papers of the late Congress, the great seal of the Federal Union, and the seal of the admiralty, which were delivered to him on the twenty-fourth of July last, by Charles Thomson, Secretary to the late Congress, pursuant to the order of the President of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Leonard; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petition of the merchants and other inhabitants of the town of Portland, in the State of Massachusetts, which was presented on Tuesday last, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instructions to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to appropriate such a sum or sums of money as may be necessary for the payment of the civil list, with the incidental charges thereof, for the present year; and that Mr. Livermore, Mr. Silvester, and Mr. Lee, be of the said committee.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Another member, to wit: George Gale, from Maryland, appeared and took his seat.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the punishment of certain Crimes against the United States," was read a second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

A petition of John M'Cord, of the province of Quebec, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed for supplies of money and other necessaries which he furnished to the American Army, in Canada, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

Also, a petition of John Stephens, late a Captain in the Army of the United States, praying that his claim to half-pay for life, under a resolution of the late Congress, may be allowed.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for securing the copy right of Books to Authors and Proprietors.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and gone through the same, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table; where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. White, from the committee appointed to examine into the measures taken by Congress and the State of Virginia respecting the lands reserved for the use of the officers and soldiers of the said State on Continental and State Establishments, in the cession made by the said State to the United States, of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary; who delivered in the same, together with the papers therein referred to, and then withdrew.

The said message was read, and is as followeth:

UNITED STATES, *February 1st*, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have received from his Excellency Alexander Martin, Governor of the State of North Carolina, an act of the General Assembly of that State, entitled "An act for the purpose of ceding to the United States of America certain Western lands therein described;" and have directed my Secretary to lay a copy of the same before you, together with the copy of a letter accompanying the said act, from his Excellency Governor Martin to the President of the United States.

The originals of the foregoing act and letter will be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Ordered, That the said message and papers be referred to Mr. Clymer, Mr. Gale, Mr. Madison, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Matthews.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to prescribe the mode in which the Public Acts, Records, and Judicial Proceedings, in each State, shall be authenticated, so as to take effect in every other State; and that Mr. Page, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Thatcher, be of the said committee.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to provide for the Invalid Pensioners of the United States; and that Mr. Heister, Mr. Partridge, and Mr. Hathorn, be of the said committee.

Ordered, That a Standing Committee of Elections be appointed.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Ames, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Benson, Mr. Sinnickson, Mr. Wynkoop, Mr. White, and Mr. Stone.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments; and the same being severally twice read, were agreed to, with an amendment to the last amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Another member, to wit: Theodorick Bland, from Virginia, appeared and took his seat.

An engrossed bill for securing the copy-right of books to authors and proprietors, was read the third time, and, on a motion made, ordered to be recommitted to Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Sylvester.

A petition of William Hassal, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed the commutation of half pay for life, in consideration of military services rendered during the late war. Also,

A petition of William and Samuel Helms, late merchants, and partners, at New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, but now bankrupts in the island of Grenada, praying to be relieved from the payment of the impost duty on a quantity of rum, which they had compounded with their creditors to import and pay to them in the said State of Connecticut, before the act imposing the said duty was passed. Also,

A petition of the proprietors of Union Wharf in New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, praying that certain rates of wharfage, which were granted to them by an act of the Legislature of the said State, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, and of which they will be deprived by the operation of the laws of the United States, may be continued to them.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Foster, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill providing for the Actual Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States, reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to their last amendment to the bill, entitled "An act for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment to the amendment to the amendment, and the same being read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Gilman and Mr. White be appointed a Committee for Enrolled Bills, on the part of this House, agreeable to the joint rules of the two Houses.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill establishing an Uniform Rule of Naturalization, was read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed Mr. Wingate, on their part, of the Committee for Enrolled Bills, agreeable to the joint rules of the two Houses. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Burke, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Francis Bailey, reported

"That Mr. Bailey hath communicated to the committee his invention or device to prevent the counterfeiting of public papers, which the committee are of opinion will be of great importance to the public, and therefore recommend that the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury to report thereon." Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said report.

A petition of Wilhelmus Decker, of the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of his being wounded and disabled in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill establishing an Uniform Rule of Naturalization.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the remission or mitigation of Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, in certain cases, was read, and further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina, and other purposes," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Joseph Henderson, and John Carnes, jr. of Boston, executors, &c. of Edward Carnes, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that payment may be made of a liquidated debt, due to their testator's estate, from the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Trumbull, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Roger Alden, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the petition of John Stevens and Wilhelmus Decker, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of John M'Cord, which was presented on Monday last, be referred to Mr. Ames, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Boudinot; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill establishing an Uniform Rule of Naturalization.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from further proceeding on the said bill; and that it be re-committed to Mr. Livermore, Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Schureman, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Seney, Mr. Moore, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Jackson.

An engrossed bill providing for the Actual Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States, was read the third time, and ordered to be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the remission or mitigation of fines, forfeitures, and penalties, in certain cases, was read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Ordered, That the petition of the executors of Edward Carnes, deceased, which was presented yesterday, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday wait on the President of the United States, and present him with the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina, and other purposes," for his approbation.

A petition of sundry citizens of the State of New Jersey, late soldiers in the American Army, was presented to the House and read, praying that the depreciation of pay for their services in the Army, may be made good to them.

Also, a petition of Isaac Sherman, of the State of Connecticut, praying that further compensation may be made for his services as an assisting Surveyor to the late Geographer of the United States in the Western Territory.

Also, a petition of William Scott, of the State of New York, praying that his claim to a pension, in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, during the late war, may be allowed.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee on the petition of Roger Alden; which, being amended to read as followeth:

"That Mr. Alden was, on the 24th of July, 1789, appointed by the President of the United States, to take charge of the records, books, papers, and seal, of the late Congress; in which employment he still continues. That, for the discharge of his duty in that trust; the bringing up the books, and completing the records of the late Congress, to be delivered over to the Secretary of State; attending to the frequent calls of the public for references to original papers; the application of members of Congress and individuals for numerous copies, extracts, and authentications, of unfinished business before the late Congress; receiving from the President of the United States a variety of original papers, to be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State; affixing the seals; and other services in said office—Mr. Alden found it necessary to employ an assistant, until the fifteenth of November last, at which time he was discharged.

That a compensation, payable out of the Treasury of the United States, should be allowed Mr. Alden, at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, until the Secretary of State shall enter on the duties of his office; and that he be allowed the customary contingent expenses of office. Also, that a compensation, at the rate of five hundred dollars per annum, be allowed for his assistant, during the time he was actually employed."

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said report; and that it be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to appropriate such a sum or sums of money as may be necessary for the payment of the civil list, to make provision accordingly.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his reports on the several petitions of Ruth Roberts, Salmon Burr, and Ezra Smith; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the remission or mitigation of Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, in certain cases.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under their consideration, and gone through the same, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be recommitted to Mr. Ames, Mr. Sturges, Mr. Stone, Mr. Griffin, and Mr. Wynkoop.

The orders of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the punishment of certain Crimes against the United States;" also, on the engrossed bill providing for the Actual Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States; were read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

A memorial of Robert Morris, late Superintendent of the Finances of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that commissioners may be appointed to make inquiry into his official conduct whilst Superintendent, in conformity to a resolution of the late Congress. Also,

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that so much of the law for regulating the coasting trade, as compels the owners of vessels employed therein to take out a licence for the same, may be amended.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Nathan Read, of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying the aid of Congress, and an exclusive privilege for constructing sundry machines and engines, which he has invented for improving the art of distillation, for facilitating the operation of mills and other water-works, and for promoting the purposes of navigation and land carriage.

Also, a petition of John Stevens, junior, praying that an exclusive privilege may be granted him, for an improvement on the steam engine, which he has invented, by a new mode of generating steam.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Burke, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Cadwalader; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom the engrossed bill providing for the Actual Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States, was committed, be discharged therefrom.

The said engrossed bill was then read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act providing for the Actual Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President approves of the act, entitled "An act for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina, and other purposes;" and has this day affixed his signature thereto. And the Secretary delivered in the said act, and then withdrew.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States," was read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Ordered, That the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, which was presented yesterday, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Donald Campbell, of the city of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying the attention of Congress to a representation which he made to the late Congress, against certain statements of the late Board of Treasury, on the subject of his claims against the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of the contractors for conveying the mail between the cities of Philadelphia and New York, was presented to the House and read, praying the interposition of

Congress to relieve them from a tax imposed on the mail stages by the State of New Jersey; and also, in compelling a preference to the mail stages in the passage of ferries, and along the public roads.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee to whom was referred the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, with the report from the Postmaster General.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States," was read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

On motion,

The memorial of Robert Morris, late Superintendent of the Finances of the United States, presented on Monday last, was read, and ordered to be inserted in the Journal, as followeth :

To the President, the Senate, and

House of Representatives of the United States of America :

The Memorial of Robert Morris, late Superintendent of the Finances of the said United States, humbly sheweth :

That, on the twentieth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, and subsequent to your memorialist's resignation of his office of Superintendent, the Congress passed a resolution in the words following : "*Resolved*, That three commissioners be appointed, to inquire into the receipts and expenditures of public moneys during the administration of the late Superintendent of Finance ; and to examine and adjust the accounts of the United States with that Department during his administration, and to report a state thereof to Congress ;" which resolution, to persons unacquainted with the nature of the office, and the mode of conducting the business of the Department, gave occasion to the supposition that your memorialist had accounts both difficult and important to settle with the United States in respect to his official transactions. That, though your memorialist foresaw the disagreeable consequences which might result to himself from the diffusion of such an opinion, he, notwithstanding, not only forbore any representation on the subject, but scrupulously avoided every species of interference, direct or indirect, lest it should be imagined either that he was actuated by the desire of obtaining from Congress those marks of approbation which had, in repeated instances, been bestowed on the servants of the public, or that he feared to meet the proposed investigation. Respect for the Sovereign of the United States, concurring with motives of delicacy to forbid even the appearance of asking what, if merited, it was to be presumed would be conferred, (as being the proper reward of services, not of solicitation,) and a firm confidence in the rectitude of his conduct, leaving your memorialist no inducement to evade any inquiry into it which it might be thought fit to institute.

That your memorialist, taking it for granted that the reasons which had produced a determination to establish a mode of inquiry into the transactions of the most important office under the Government, would have ensured the prosecution of the object till it had been carried into effect, long remained in silent expectation of the appointment of commissioners, according to the resolution which had been entered into for that purpose. But it has so happened, from what cause your memorialist will not undertake to explain, that no further steps have ever been taken in relation to it ; and your memorialist has remained exposed to the surmises which the appearance of an intention to inquire into his conduct had a tendency to excite, without having been afforded an op-

portunity of obviating them. That the unsettled condition of certain accounts of a commercial nature between the United States and the late house of Willing, Morris, and Company, and your memorialist, prior to his appointment of Superintendent of the Finances, having been confounded with his transactions in that capacity, your memorialist has, in various ways, been subjected to injurious imputations on his official conduct, the only fruits of services, which, at the time they were rendered, he trusts he may, without incurring the charge of presumption, affirm, were generally esteemed both important and meritorious, and were at least rendered with ardor and zeal, with unremitted attention, and unwearied application.

That your memorialist, desirous of rescuing his reputation from the aspersions thrown upon it, came in the month of October, 1788, to the City of New York, as well for the purpose of urging the appointment of commissioners to inspect his official transactions, as for that of procuring an adjustment of the accounts which existed previous to his administration. But the first object was frustrated by the want of a sufficient number of members to make a Congress, and the last was unavoidably delayed by the preliminary investigations requisite on the part of the Commissioner named by the late Board of Treasury, towards a competent knowledge of the business. That in the month of February, 1789, your memorialist returned to New York for the same purposes, but the obstacles which he had before experienced, still operated to put it out of his power to present the memorial which had been prepared by him in October, praying for an appointment of commissioners. That he was therefore obliged to confine himself to measures for the settlement of his accounts respecting the transactions antecedent to his appointment as Superintendent, which he entered upon accordingly with the Commissioner appointed by the Board of Treasury; and in which as much progress as time and circumstances would permit, was made, until the fourth of March last, when that Commissioner, conceiving his authority, by the organization of the new Government, to have ceased, declined further proceedings; and, of course, your memorialist was obliged to wait the establishment of the new Treasury Department for the further prosecution of that settlement, which has been accordingly resumed, and, he hopes, will speedily be accomplished. But, inasmuch as no mode of inquiry into his official conduct has hitherto been put into operation, and as doubts of its propriety have been raised by an act of the Government, your memorialist conceives himself to have a claim upon the public justice for some method of vindicating himself, which will be unequivocal and definitive. Wherefore, and encouraged by a consciousness of the integrity of his administration, your memorialist is desirous that a strict examination should be had into his conduct while in office, in order that, if he has been guilty of maladministration, it may be detected and punished; if otherwise, that his innocence may be manifested and acknowledged. Unwilling, from this motive, that longer delay should attend the object of the resolution which has been recited, your memorialist humbly prays that an appointment of commissioners may take place to carry the said resolution into effect. And your memorialist, as in duty bound, will pray, &c.

ROBERT MORRIS.

New York, February 8, 1790."

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Madison, Mr. Sedgwick, and Mr. Sherman; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States," was read and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

Samuel Griffin,
Jonathan Grout,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,

John Page,
Josiah Parker,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,

Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith, *of Maryland*,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Alexander White, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Abraham Baldwin,
Theodorick Bland,
Edanus Burke,
Isaac Coles,
Daniel Huger,
James Jackson,

George Mathews,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
Michael Jenifer Stone, and
Thomas Tudor Tucker.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Foster, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Sinnickson, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Parker; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the memorial of the People called Quakers, at their annual meeting held at New York, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, as also the memorial of the Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery, presented to-day, be referred to the committee last appointed; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Isaac Trowbridge, of the State of Connecticut, was presented to the the House and read, praying to be relieved from a contract which, through inadvertency he entered into with the public for the transportation of the mail from New York to Hartford, and which is likely to become ruinous to him.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States," and on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to a provision for the support of the public credit, were read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

A petition of James Derry was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered during the late war.

Also, a petition of John Stone, of Concord, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, praying that an exclusive privilege may be granted him for a new and expeditious method which he has invented of driving piles attached together, whereby the construction of wooden bridges over the broadest and deepest streams may be greatly facilitated.

Also, a petition of Anna Treat, praying that some allowance or provision for her support may be granted her in consideration of the poverty and distress to which she is reduced by the loss of her son, who was slain in the service of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Ordered, That the petition of Donald Campbell, which was presented on Tuesday last, be referred to Mr. Bland, Mr. Cadwalader, and Mr. Benson; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac Trowbridge, which was presented on Friday last, be referred to the Postmaster General, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, who delivered in the same, together with the papers therein referred to. And then withdrew.

The said message and papers were read, and are as follow:

UNITED STATES, FEBRUARY 15th, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives,

I have directed my Secretary to lay before you the copy of a vote of the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire, to accept the articles proposed in addition to, and amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, except the second article. At the same time will be delivered to you the copy of a letter from his Excellency the President of the State of New Hampshire to the President of the United States.

The originals of the abovementioned vote and letter, will be lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

G. WASHINGTON.

“Durham, in New Hampshire, January 29, 1790.

SIR: I have the honor to enclose you, for the information of Congress, a vote of the Assembly of this State, to accept all the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, except the second, which was rejected.

I have the honor to be, with the most profound respect, Sir, your most obedient and very humble servant,

JOHN SULLIVAN.

The President of the United States.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the letter to the President of the United States, from his Excellency John Sullivan.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JANUARY 25, 1790.

Upon reading and maturely considering the proposed Amendments to the Federal Constitution,

Voted, To accept the whole of said Amendments, except the second Article; which was rejected.

Sent up for concurrence.

THOMAS BARTLETT, *Speaker.*

In SENATE, the same day, read and concurred.

J. PEARSON, *Secretary,*

A true copy.

Attest, JOSEPH PEARSON, *Secretary.*

I certify the above to be a true copy of the copy transmitted to the President of the United States.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.”**Ordered,* That the said message and papers do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled “An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States,” was read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Mr. Livermore, from the committee to whom was recommitted a bill for establishing an Uniform Rule of Naturalization, presented an amendatory bill to establish an Uniform Rule of Naturalization, and to enable aliens to hold lands under certain restrictions; which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. Burke, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to Promote the Progress of Useful Arts; which was received, and read the first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States," was read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

A bill to establish an Uniform Rule of Naturalization, and to enable aliens to hold lands under certain restrictions, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

A bill to Promote the Progress of Useful Arts was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The several petitions of Jehoiakim M'Toksin, Joseph Halstead, Henry Carman, Joseph Bernard, and Moses Young, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying to be made compensation for services rendered, or for losses or injuries sustained, in the service of the United States during the late war. Also,

A petition of Andrew Dunscomb, praying that he may be paid his salary for services as Commissioner of Accounts, from the month of November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, until the month of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five. Also,

A petition of John Ingraham, praying to be relieved against the seizure of his vessel and cargo in the port of New York, for a violation of the laws of trade, of which, at the time of committing the offence, the petitioner was entirely ignorant.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A petition of James Perry and Thomas Hayes, subjects of the King of Great Britain, was presented to the House and read, praying to receive compensation for sundry articles of property, which were seized and taken from them in the State of New Jersey, during the war, for the use of the Army of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of Rufus Lincoln, which was presented on the twenty-sixth ultimo, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States," was read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

Ordered, That the petition of Anna Treat, presented on Monday last, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of Jehoiakim M'Toksin, presented yesterday, be referred to Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Van Rensselaer, and Mr. Brown; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States," was farther postponed until Monday se'nnight.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act providing for the Actual Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Board of Commissioners for settling accounts, respecting the insufficiency of the salaries allowed by law to the Clerks employed in that Department; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

A petition of James M'Comb was presented to the House and read, praying that an exclusive privilege may be granted him in the use of a machine which he has invented for facilitating the operation of water-mills.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the actual enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, and twenty-sixth of the said amendments, and doth agree to all the others.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Baldwin took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate recede from their twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, and twenty-sixth amendments, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the actual enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States." The Senate have also agreed to a resolution "That it will be expedient for Congress, in behalf of the United States, to accept of the cession proposed by an act of the Legislature of the State of North Carolina, entitled 'An act for the purpose of ceding to the United States of America certain Western lands therein described,' upon the conditions therein contained ; and that, when a deed shall be executed for the same, Congress express their acceptance thereof by a legislative act ;" to which resolution they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered, That the letter from the Board of Commissioners for settling accounts, respecting the insufficiency of the salaries allowed by law to the Clerks employed in that Department, be referred to Mr. Gerry, Mr. Trumbull, and Mr. Gale.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, on the petition of Francis Bailey ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for regulating the Post Office of the United States ; which was received, and read the first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish an Uniform Rule of Naturalization, and to enable aliens to hold lands under certain restrictions.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

A bill for regulating the Post Office of the United States was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several petitions of David Cook, John Ely, and David S. Franks, were presented to the House and read, praying to be compensated for losses or injuries sustained, or for services rendered during the late war. Also,

A petition of William Mumford, praying to be paid for his services, as a Clerk to the Commissioners for liquidating the accounts between the United States and the State of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A petition of Nathaniel Gove, of the State of Vermont, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of injuries sustained in the service of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Barclay, which was presented at the last session, praying that he may receive compensation for services rendered to the United States, in various public stations in Europe, be referred to Mr. Clymer, Mr. Page, and Mr. Sinnickson; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish an Uniform Rule of Naturalization, and to enable aliens to hold lands under certain restrictions.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to Promote the Progress of Useful Arts, was read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the enrolled bill, entitled "An act providing for the Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the petitions of David Cook, and John Ely, which were presented yesterday, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee to whom the bill for securing the copy-right of Books to Authors and Proprietors, was re-committed, presented an amendatory bill, for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, books, and other writings, to the Authors and Proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned; which was received, and read the first time.

The several petitions of Barent Martlings, Enos Brown, Samuel Armstrong, William Mason, and Elizabeth Young, were presented to the House, and read; praying relief in consideration of losses or injuries sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of the Weighers, Measurers, and Gaugers, of the district of Portland and Falmouth, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the fees of office allowed them by law may be augmented, and rendered more adequate to their services.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The orders of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish an Uniform Rule of Naturalization, and to enable aliens to

hold lands under certain restrictions; also, on the bill to Promote the Progress of Useful Arts; were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

A bill for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, books, and other writings, to the Authors and Proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Francis Bailey: Whereupon,

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in for securing to the said Francis Bailey an exclusive privilege to the use of his invention; and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Sedgwick, and Mr. White, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That the several petitions of William Mumford and Samuel Armstrong, and of the Weighers, Measurers, and Gaugers, of the district of Portland and Falmouth, in the State of Massachusetts, which were presented yesterday, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of David S. Franks, which was presented on Wednesday last, be referred to Mr. Hartley, Mr. Wadsworth, and Mr. Van Rensselaer; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of David Poole, of New London, in Connecticut, was presented to the House, and read, praying relief in consideration of the loss of his left arm in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Gerry, from the committee to whom was referred the letter from the Board of Commissioners for settling Accounts, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The members from South Carolina presented the copies of two acts of that State, one, entitled "An act for ceding to, and vesting in, the United States, the light-house on Middle Bay Island, within the bar of Charleston Harbor;" the other, "For ratifying, on the part of that State, the several Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by Congress;" which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to Establish an Uniform Rule of Naturalization, and to enable aliens to hold lands under certain restrictions.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to vest in Francis Bailey the exclusive privilege of making, using, and vending to others, punches for stamping the matrices of types, and impressing marks on plates, or any other substance, to prevent counterfeits, upon a principle by him invented, for a term of years; which was received, and read the first time.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to Promote the Progress of Useful Arts was read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 1.

Another member, to wit, Thomas Sumpter, from South Carolina, appeared and took his seat.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by the Secretary of War, who delivered in several letters and papers, being a further communication on the subject of the Southwestern Frontier and of the Indian Department. And then he withdrew.

The said letters and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Richard Wells and Josiah Hart, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that effectual provision may be made by Congress for rendering to the petitioners, and all other creditors of the United States in a similar situation, full payment for the paper bills of credit heretofore issued by Congress, and now in the hands of the said creditors.

Also, a petition of James Delaplaine, late a Lieutenant in the first Virginia regiment, praying relief, in consideration of wounds and injuries received whilst in the service of the United States.

Also, a petition of Thomas Leiper, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that duplicates may be granted him of six loan office certificates, of one thousand dollars each, which were issued to him by the Commissioner of Loans in the State of Pennsylvania, and casually lost some time in the year 1779.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Ordered, That the petitions of James Derry and David Poole be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A bill to vest in Francis Bailey the exclusive privilege of making, using, and vending to others, punches for stamping the matrices of types, and impressing marks on plates, or any other substance, to prevent counterfeits, upon a principle by him invented, for a term of years; was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President approves of the act "providing for the Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States," and has affixed his signature to the same.

The several orders of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States;" also, on the bill for regulating the Post Office of the United States; on the bill to establish an Uniform Rule of Naturalization, and to enable aliens to hold lands under certain restrictions; and on the bill to Promote the Progress of Useful Arts; were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2.

An engrossed bill to vest in Francis Bailey the exclusive privilege of making, using, and vending to others, punches for stamping the matrices of types, and impressing marks on plates, or any other substance, to prevent counterfeits, upon a principle by him invented, for a term of years, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to vest in Francis Bailey the exclusive privilege of making, using, and vending to others, punches for stamping the matrices of types, and impressing marks on plates, or any other substance, to prevent counterfeits, upon a principle by him invented, for a term of years."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering his further report and estimate of Extraordinaries for the services of the current year; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill of appropriation for the Support of Government.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to report to this House such funds as, in his opinion, may be raised and applied towards the payment of the interest of the debts of the individual States, should they be assumed by Congress.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Treasury lay before this House the amount of the duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, and on tonnage, in the several States, from the time that the collection of those revenues commenced to the thirty-first of December last.

A petition of Abraham Skinner was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed for moneys advanced, and losses sustained by the petitioner, whilst Commissary General of Prisoners of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of the rope-makers in the town of Boston, praying that Congress will devise such further measures as may be effectual, to secure and improve this important branch of manufacture.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A petition of George Scriba was presented to the House and read, praying to be permitted to purchase of the United States a tract of Western Territory, not less than two millions, and not exceeding four millions of acres, on the terms therein mentioned.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for his information.

The House then, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States;" also, on the bill to establish an Uniform Rule of Naturalization, and to enable aliens to hold land under certain restrictions; on the bill for regulating the Post Office of the United States; and on the bill to Promote the Progress of Useful Arts; were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3.

Mr. Ames, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill to provide for the remission or mitigation of Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, in certain cases, presented an amendatory bill, which was received and read the first time.

Ordered, That the petition of Abraham Skinner, which was presented yesterday, be referred to Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Smith, (of Maryland,) and Mr. Heister; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Jehoiakim M'Toksin, reported a state of facts, together with a resolve, which was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be paid out of the public Treasury unto Jehoiakim M'Toksin one hundred and twenty dollars, in full compensation for his services as an interpreter and guide in the expedition commanded by Major General Sullivan, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine.

Ordered, That the said resolve be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for making an appropriation for the Support of Government.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish an Uniform Rule of Naturalization, and to enable aliens to hold lands under certain restrictions.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A member from South Carolina presented to the House the proceedings of the Legislature of that State, respecting certain regulations at the post of Fort Johnson; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The several orders of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit; also, on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States;" on the bill for regulating the Post Office of the United States; on the bill to Promote the Progress of Useful Arts; and on the bill for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, books, and other writings, to the Authors and Proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned; were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4.

Another member, to wit: Benjamin Contee, from Maryland, appeared and took his seat.

An engrossed bill to establish an Uniform Rule of Naturalization, and to enable aliens to hold lands under certain restrictions, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act to establish an Uniform Rule of Naturalization."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A bill to provide for the remission or mitigation of Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, in certain cases, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A petition of Catherine Wheeler was presented to the House and read, praying relief as the widow of an invalid soldier, who was wounded in the late war, and is since dead.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Nicholas Cowenhoven and others, of Kings County, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying to receive payment of certain claims for the board and subsistence of sundry American officers, prisoners during the late war, who were quartered on the petitioners.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Smith, (of Maryland,) and Mr. Heister; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of William Mason, which was presented on the twenty-fifth ultimo, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to promote the Progress of Useful Arts.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering his reports made in pursuance of the resolution and order of this House, of the second instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The orders of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole

House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit ; also, on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States ;" on the bill for regulating the Post Office of the United States ; and on the bill for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, books, and other writings, to the Authors and Proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned ; were read and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5.

Mr. Foster, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions of the People called Quakers ; and, also, of the Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery ; made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the petition of Richard Wells and Josiah Hart, which was presented on Monday last, be referred to Mr. Livermore, Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Silvester, Mr. Schureman, Mr. Scott, Mr. Seney, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Jackson ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Thomas Donellan, of the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that a duplicate may be granted him of a certificate issued in his favor by the late Quartermaster General, for three hundred and eight dollars, which certificate was accidentally burnt with the dwellinghouse of the petitioner, and all his effects, in the month of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petitions of Gabriel Allen and Thomas Leiper, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Catharine Green, relict of the late General Greene, was presented to the House and read, praying that an inquiry may be had on the claims and petition of her late husband, as exhibited to the late Congress, on the twenty-second of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Gerry, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Parker, Mr. Peter Muhlenberg, and Mr. Smith, (of South Carolina ;) that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of the late officers of the South Carolina line on Continental Establishment, was presented to the House and read, praying that provision may be made for securing to them payment of the six months' pay granted them by certain resolutions of the late Congress, and which they have never yet received.

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

A petition of John Rogers, in behalf of himself, James Meriwether, and John Thurston, of the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that the commutation of half pay may be allowed to them, as officers in a corps of dragoons in the Illinois country during the late war, and to which they conceive themselves entitled, under the act of cession of that Country made by the said State of Virginia to the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the remission or mitigation of Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, in certain cases.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to Promote the Progress of Useful Arts.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amend-

ments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to accept a cession of the claims of the State of North Carolina to a certain district of Western country;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also agreed to a resolution "That the respective Collectors in the several ports of the United States be directed not to grant a clearance for any ship or vessel, having articles on board subject to inspection, by the laws of the State from which such ship or vessel shall be about to depart, without having previously obtained such manifests and other documents as are enjoined by the said laws;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the letter from the Commissioners for settling the accounts between the United States and individual States : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report be re-committed to the same committee, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant thereto.

The several orders of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit ; also, on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States;" on the bill for regulating the Post Office of the United States ; and on the bill for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, books, and other writings, to the Authors and Proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned ; were read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 8.

Another member, to wit, John Vining, from Delaware, appeared and took his seat.

An engrossed bill to provide for the remission or mitigation of Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, in certain cases, was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for the remission or mitigation of Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, in certain cases."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to accept a cession of the claims of the State of North Carolina to a certain district of Western Territory;" was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution sent from the Senate on Friday last, to prevent the exportation of goods, not duly inspected according to the laws of the several States : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said resolution be committed to Mr. White, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Contee, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant thereto.

Mr. Gerry, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for increasing the salaries of Clerks in the office of the Commissioners for settling Accounts between the United States and individual States ; which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Livermore, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the Support of Government; which was received and read and first time.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of War, on the petition of John Ely; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, on the several petitions of William Mumford, Samuel Armstrong, and the Weighers, Measurers, and Gaugers, of the district of Portland and Falmouth, in the State of Massachusetts; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. White, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to Prevent the Exportation of Goods not duly inspected according to the laws of the several States ; which was received and read the first time.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, who delivered in the same, together with the papers therein referred to. And then withdrew.

The said message and papers were read, and are as follow:

UNITED STATES, MARCH 8, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have received from his Excellency Joshua Clayton, President of the State of Delaware, the articles proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States, as Amendments of the Constitution of the United States; which articles were transmitted to him for the consideration of the Legislature of Delaware, and are now returned, with the following resolutions annexed to them, viz:

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF DELAWARE,

Having taken into their consideration the above Amendments, proposed by Congress to the respective Legislatures of the several States,

Resolved, That the first article be postponed.

Resolved, That the General Assembly do agree to the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth articles; and we do hereby assent to, ratify, and confirm, the same, as part of the Constitution of the United States.

In testimony whereof, we have caused the great seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, this twenty-eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and in the fourteenth year of the Independence of the Delaware State.

Signed by Order of the Council.

GEO. MITCHELL, *Speaker*.

Signed by Order of the House of Assembly.

JEHU DAVIS, *Speaker*."

I have directed a copy of the letter which accompanied the said Articles from his Excellency Joshua Clayton to the President of the United States, to be laid before you.

The above mentioned articles and the original of the letter, will be lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

G. WASHINGTON.

"DELAWARE, February 19, 1790.

SIR: Agreeable to the directions of the General Assembly of this State, I do myself the honor to enclose your Excellency the Ratification of the Articles proposed by Congress to be added to the Constitution of the United States, and am, with every sentiment of esteem, sir, your Excellency's most obedient, humble servant,

JOSHUA CLAYTON.

His Excellency GEORGE WASHINGTON,
President of the United States.

UNITED STATES, MARCH 8, 1790.

I hereby certify that the above letter is a true copy from the original.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*"

Ordered, That the said message and papers do lie on the table.

A petition of John Watson, of the State of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying further relief in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War; that he do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of David Oliphant, late Director of the Hospitals in the Southern Department, was presented to the House and read, praying that his claim to further compensation and emoluments may be examined and allowed.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Gifford Dalley, doorkeeper to the House, was presented and read, praying compensation for services rendered during the late recess.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Livermore, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Silvester; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee on the memorials of the People called Quakers, and of the Pennsylvania Society for the Abolition of Slavery: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report be referred to the consideration of the Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday se'nnight.

The House then, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Livermore, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Gifford Dalley, made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Clymer have leave to be absent from the service of this House until Friday se'nnight.

The several orders of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States;" on the bill for regulating the Post office of the United States; and on the bill for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, books and other writings, to the Authors and Proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned, were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9.

A bill to increase the salaries of Clerks in the office of the Commissioners for settling Accounts between the United States and individual States, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time.

A bill making appropriations for the Support of Government was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

A bill to prevent the Exportation of Goods, not duly inspected according to the laws of the several States, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A petition of William Bedlow, late Deputy Postmaster in the City of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying that time may be granted him to make payment of a judgment obtained against him on behalf of the United States, by the Postmaster General, for certain arrearages due to the public. Also,

A petition of John Mills, late a Captain in the Army of the United States, praying to be reimbursed for certain advances of recruiting money, which, during the late war, he paid on behalf of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A petition of William Oliver, of the State of New Jersey, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House then, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Madison, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Robert Morris, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States;" on the bill for regulating the Post Office of the United States; and on the bill for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, books, and other writings, to the Authors and Proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned; were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10.

An engrossed bill to increase the salaries of the Clerks in the office of the Commissioners for settling Accounts between the United States and individual States, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to increase the salaries of the Clerks in the office of the Commissioners for settling Accounts between the United States and individual States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of William M'Kennan, late a Captain in the Delaware regiment, was presented to the House and read, praying further relief in consideration of his having been wounded and disabled in the service of his country. Also,

A petition of Pitman Collins, of the State of Connecticut, praying to be reimbursed the value of a vessel, the property of the petitioner, which was impressed for the service of the United States, and taken by the enemy during the late war.

Also, a memorial of Anthony Walton White, late Colonel of the First Regiment of Dragoons in the service of the United States during the late war, praying to be reimbursed for moneys advanced for the support of the said First Regiment.

Ordered, That the said petitions and memorial do lie on the table.

Ordered, That the petition of John Mills, which was presented yesterday, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Samuel Armstrong: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

Ordered, That the petition of William Bedlow, which was presented yesterday, be referred to Mr. Benson, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Ames; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee on the petition of Gifford Dalley: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said Gifford Dalley be allowed for his services, during the late recess, the sum of two dollars per day for ninety-six days.

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill making appropriations for the Support of Government.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of War on the petition of John Ely: Whereupon,

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said report; and that Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Burke, do prepare and bring in the same.

An engrossed bill to Promote the Progress of Useful Arts, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to Promote the Progress of Useful Arts."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11.

A petition of George Smith was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of losses sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of John Smith, late Postmaster in Portsmouth, Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that time may be granted him to make payment of certain arrearages in which he is indebted to the General Post Office.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Benson, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Ames; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of William McKennan, which was presented yesterday, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of Pitman Collins, which was presented yesterday, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A memorial of George Scriba was presented to the House and read, praying that the Secretary of the Treasury may be authorized to report on a petition of the memorialist, which was presented on the second instant: Whereupon,

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the Secretary of the Treasury to examine and report upon the petition of the said George Scriba; and also upon the petition of Hannibal William Dobbyn, which were heretofore referred to the said Secretary for his information.

Mr. Trumbull, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to allow compensation to John Ely, for his services and expenses as a regimental surgeon in the late Army of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. Hartley, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of David S. Franks, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Wadsworth have leave to be absent from the service of this House until this day fortnight.

A petition of Jeremiah Ocain, of the State of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the value of a sloop which was impressed from him during the late war, and taken by the enemy. Also,

A petition of Thomas Cole, praying relief in consideration of being wounded and disabled in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

On motion,

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to accept a cession of the claims of the State of North Carolina to a certain District of Western Territory," was further postponed until Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the petition of David Oliphant, which was presented on Monday last, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12.

A bill to allow compensation to John Ely for his services and expenses as a regimental surgeon in the late Army of the United States, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on this day fortnight.

Ordered, That the petition of Anthony Walton White, which was presented on Wednesday last, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13.

A petition of Stephen Guyer, of the State of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the amount of a judgment and costs recovered against him, for a supply of provisions, which, as a Commissary, he obtained for the use of the late Army of the United States. Also,

The several petitions of Toney Turney, John M'Kenzie, James Whayland, and Cesar Edwards, of the said State of Connecticut, respectively praying relief in consideration of wounds or injuries received in the service of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Ordered, That the memorial of the late officers of the South Carolina line on Continental establishment, which was presented the fifth instant, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which they had directed him to report, whenever the House should think proper to receive the same.

Ordered, That the said report be received on Monday next.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 15.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the Support of Government.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and gone through the same, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16.

An engrossed bill, making Appropriations for the Support of Government, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making Appropriations for the Support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by the Secretary of War, who delivered in a letter and representation from the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, on the subject of Indian hostilities, committed in the county of Washington, in that State; and then withdrew.

The said letter and representation were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of the importers of hemp, and the manufacturers of cordage, in the city of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying that the duty on hemp imported prior to December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, may be taken off, and a prohibition laid on the importation of foreign cordage.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of the rope makers of the town of Boston, which was presented on the second instant, be referred to Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Heister; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Thomas Boyd, late a soldier in the Pennsylvania line of the Army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds received in the service of his country.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, who delivered in the same, together with the papers therein referred to. And then withdrew.

The said message and papers were read, and are as follow :

UNITED STATES, *March 16th*, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives,

I have directed my Secretary to lay before you the copy of an act, and the form of ratifications of certain Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania; together with the copy of a letter which accompanied the said act, from the Speaker of the House of Assembly of Pennsylvania, to the President of the United States. The originals of the above will be lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

G. WASHINGTON.

IN ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA, *March 11th*, 1790.

SIR : I have the honor to transmit an exemplified copy of the act declaring the assent of this State to certain Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, that you may be pleased to lay it before Congress.

With the greatest respect, I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

RICHARD PETERS, *Speaker*.

His Excellency the PRESIDENT of the United States.

UNITED STATES, *March 16th*, 1790.

I certify the above to be a true copy from the original.

TOBLAS LEAR,

Secretary to the President of the United States.

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, *to wit*:

In pursuance of a resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, being the Legislature thereof, I do hereby certify that the paper hereunto annexed contains an exact and true exemplification of the act whereof it purports to be a copy, by virtue whereof the several amendments therein mentioned, proposed to the Constitution of the United States, were, on the part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, agreed to, ratified, and confirmed.

Given under my hand, and the Seal of the State, this eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

RICHARD PETERS, *Speaker*.

[*Seal Appendant.*]

AN ACT *declaring the assent of this State to certain Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.*

SECTION 1. Whereas, in pursuance of the fifth article of the Constitution of the United States, certain Articles of Amendment to the said Constitution have been proposed by the Congress of the United States, for the consideration of the Legislatures of the several States: And whereas this House, being the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, having maturely deliberated thereupon, have resolved to adopt and ratify the articles hereafter enumerated, as part of the Constitution of the United States:

SECTION 2. *Be it enacted, therefore, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That the following amendments to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by the Congress thereof, viz:

[Here follow the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth articles, which were proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States.]

Be, and they are hereby, ratified, on behalf of this State, to become, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States, part of the Constitution of the United States.

Signed by order of the House.

RICHARD PETERS, *Speaker.*

Enacted into a law, at Philadelphia, on Wednesday, the tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

PETER ZACHARY LLOYD, *Clerk of the General Assembly.*

I, Mathew Irwin, Esq. Master of the Rolls for the State of Pennsylvania, do certify the preceding writing to be a true copy, (or exemplification,) of a certain law remaining in my office.

Witness my hand and Seal of Office, the eleventh of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

[L. S.]

MATHEW IRWIN, M. R.

UNITED STATES, *March 16th, 1790.*

I do certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the act and form of ratification of certain articles of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, as transmitted to the President of the United States.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States."*

Ordered, That the said message and papers do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorials of the People called Quakers, and of the Pennsylvania Society for promoting the Abolition of Slavery.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of War, on the several petitions of David Sturges, Jeremiah Ryan, and David Cook; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury on the memorial of John Cockran; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Postmaster General on the memorial of Isaac Trowbridge; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and reports from the Secretary of War,

on the several petitions of Rufus Lincoln, John Watson, and John Mills ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The petitions of Samuel Carleton and Cornelius Wynkoop were presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of losses or injuries sustained in the service of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions, together with the several petitions of Stephen Guyer, Toney Turney, Cesar Edwards, James Whayland, John M'Kenzie, Henry Carman, and William Scott, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the petitions of Isaac Sherman and Andrew Dunscomb, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of John Frederick Amclung, proprietor of a glass manufactory at New Bremen, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that the workmen and laborers employed in the said manufactory may be exempted from Militia duty.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for regulating the Militia of the United States ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Rufus Hamilton, of the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying to receive compensation for certain property impressed from him during the war, for the service of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorials of the People called Quakers, and of the Pennsylvania Society for promoting the Abolition of Slavery.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18.

A petition of Joseph Harris, of the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds received in the service of his country, during the late war. Also,

A petition of John Francis Vacher, of the city of New York, praying compensation for military services rendered during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Abraham Van Alstine was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the value of a sum of paper money, which was placed in his hands during the late war, for public service, and has remained to the present time undisposed of.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom were referred the memorials of the People called Quakers, and of the Pennsylvania Society for promoting the Abolition of Slavery.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Ordered, That Mr. Fitzsimons have leave to be absent from the service of this House until this day fortnight.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19.

A member from North Carolina, to wit, Hugh Williamson, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, on the memorial of the late officers of the South Carolina line on Continental Establishment; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and reports from the Secretary of War, on the several petitions of Alexander Power and others, late officers in the regiment of artillery artificers; Anna Treat, and William Mason; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Benjamin Warren, of the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of losses and injuries sustained during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of War on the petitions of James Gibbons and Archibald M'Alister: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their said petitions.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Robert Morris: Whereupon,

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to inquire into the receipts and expenditures of public moneys during the administration of the said Robert Morris, as late Superintendent of Finance, and report to the House a state of the accounts respecting the same.

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Madison, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Lawrance, and Mr. Smith, of South Carolina.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom were referred the memorials of the People called Quakers, and of the Pennsylvania Society for promoting the Abolition of Slavery.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Benson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under their consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the remission or mitigation of Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, in certain cases;" with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to establish an Uniform Rule of Naturalization," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 22.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of War, on the petition of John Stevens; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Edward Thompson was presented to the House, and read, praying relief in consideration of losses and injuries sustained during the late war. Also,

A memorial of John Baylor, of the State of Virginia, executor of George Baylor, deceased, praying a settlement of certain unliquidated accounts between the estate of the decedent and the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to establish an Uniform Rule of Naturalization:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock,

On a motion made and seconded that the said report of the committee to whom were referred the memorials of the People called Quakers, and of the Pennsylvania Society for promoting the Abolition of Slavery ; and also, the report of the Committee of the Whole House, of amendments to the said report, be inserted in the Journal :

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Ayes29,
 { Noes25.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Elias Boudinot,
 John Brown,
 Lambert Cadwalader,
 Benjamin Contee,
 William Floyd,
 Abiel Foster,
 Elbridge Gerry,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Benjamin Goodhue,
 Samuel Griffin,
 Thomas Hartley,
 John Hathorn,
 Daniel Heister,
 Benjamin Huntington,
 John Lawrence,

Richard Bland Lee,
 George Leonard,
 James Madison, junior,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 Josiah Parker,
 George Partridge,
 James Schureman,
 Thomas Scott,
 Theodore Sedgwick,
 Roger Sherman, &
 Peter Silvester,
 Thomas Sinnickson,
 John Vining, and
 Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 Abraham Baldwin,
 Egbert Benson,
 Theoderick Bland,
 Edanus Burke,
 Daniel Carroll,
 Isaac Coles,
 George Gale,
 Jonathan Grout,
 James Jackson,
 Samuel Livermore,
 George Mathews,
 Andrew Moore,

John Page,
 Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
 William Smith, (of Maryland,)
 William Smith, (of S. Carolina,)
 Michael Jenifer Stone,
 Jonathan Sturges,
 Thomas Sumpter,
 George Thatcher,
 Jonathan Trumbull,
 Thomas Tudor Tucker,
 Alexander White, and
 Hugh Williamson.

The said reports are as follow :

Report of the Special Committee.

“The committee to whom were referred sundry memorials from the People called Quakers ; and also, a memorial from the Pennsylvania Society for promoting the Abolition of Slavery, submit the following report :

That, from the nature of the matters contained in those memorials, they were induced to examine the powers vested in Congress, under the present Constitution, relating to the abolition of slavery, and are clearly of opinion,

First. That the General Government is expressly restrained from prohibiting the importation of such persons “as any of the States now existing shall think proper to admit, until the year one thousand eight hundred and eight.”

Secondly. That Congress, by a fair construction of the Constitution, are equally restrained from interfering in the emancipation of slaves, who already are, or who may, within the period mentioned be, imported into, or born within any of the said States.

Thirdly. That Congress have no authority to interfere in the internal regulations of particular States, relative to the instruction of slaves in the principles of morality and religion ; to their comfortable clothing, accommodations, and subsistence ; to the regulation of their marriages, and the prevention of the violation of the rights thereof, or to the separation of children from their parents ; to a comfortable provision in cases of sickness, age, or infirmity ; or to the seizure, transportation, or sale, of free negroes ; but have the fullest confidence in the wisdom and humanity of the Legislatures of the several States, that they will revise their laws from time to time, when necessary, and promote the objects mentioned in the memorials, and every other measure that may tend to the happiness of slaves.

Fourthly. That, nevertheless, Congress have authority, if they shall think it necessary, to lay at any time a tax or duty, not exceeding ten dollars for each person of any description, the importation of whom shall be by any of the States admitted as afore-said.

Fifthly. That Congress have authority to interdict, or (so far as it is or may be carried on by citizens of the United States, for supplying foreigners) to regulate the African trade, and to make provision for the humane treatment of Slaves, in all cases while on their passage to the United States, or to foreign ports, as far as it respects the citizens of the United States.

Sixthly. That Congress have also authority to prohibit foreigners from fitting out vessels, in any port of the United States, for transporting persons from Africa to any foreign port.

Seventhly. That the memorialists be informed, that in all cases to which the authority of Congress extends, they will exercise it for the humane objects of the memorialists, so far as they can be promoted on the principles of justice, humanity, and good policy."

Report of the Committee of the Whole House.

"The Committee of the Whole House, to whom was committed the report of the committee on the memorials of the People called Quakers, and of the Pennsylvania Society for promoting the Abolition of Slavery, report the following amendments :

Strike out the first clause, together with the recital thereto, and in lieu thereof, insert, "That the migration or importation of such persons as any of the States now existing shall think proper to admit, cannot be prohibited by Congress, prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eight."

Strike out the second and third clauses, and in lieu thereof insert, "That Congress have no authority to interfere in the emancipation of slaves, or in the treatment of them within any of the States; it remaining with the several States alone to provide any regulations therein, which humanity and true policy may require."

Strike out the fourth and fifth clauses, and in lieu thereof insert, "That Congress have authority to restrain the citizens of the United States from carrying on the African trade, for the purpose of supplying foreigners with slaves, and of providing by proper regulations for the humane treatment, during their passage, of slaves imported by the said citizens into the States admitting such importation."

Strike out the seventh clause."

Ordered, That the said report of the Committee of the Whole House do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24.

A petition of Christian Kuhn was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of a wound received in the service of the United States, during the late war, which has disabled him from obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of Rufus Hamilton, which was presented on the 17th instant, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the memorial of James Wilson, on behalf of the United Land Companies of Illinois and Wabash, which was presented yesterday, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and reports from the Secretary of War, on the petition of David Oliphant and John Rogers, on behalf of himself and others, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the reports of the Secretary of War, on the petitions of David Cook and Ezra Smith : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said reports be committed to Mr. Burke, Mr. Trumbull, and Mr. Thatcher.

The House proceeded to re-consider the third amendment adhered to by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the remission or mitigation of Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, in certain cases : " Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the said amendment, and desire a conference with the Senate on the subject matter thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. Ames, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Jackson, be appointed managers at the said conference, on the part of this House.

Another member from North Carolina, to wit, John Baptist Ashe, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House, the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

An engrossed bill providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations was read the third time, and ordered to be recommitted to Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Lee.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, one entitled "An act to establish an Uniform Rule of Naturalization;" the other entitled "An act making appropriations for the Support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Floyd have leave to be absent from the service of this House until this day fortnight.

On motion,

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a bill or bills further to suspend part of an act, entitled "An act to regulate the Collection of the Duties imposed by law on the Tonnage of ships or vessels, and on Goods, Wares, and Merchandises, imported into the United States; and that Mr. Lee, Mr. Cadwalader, and Mr. Seney, do prepare and bring in the same.

A petition of May Wooster was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed interest on the pension granted her by the former Congress, as widow of the late General Wooster. Also,

A petition of Ichabod Johnson and others, late seamen and mariners in the Navy of the United States, praying to be granted the wages and allowances promised them by resolutions of the late Congress.

Ordered, That the said petitions, together with the petition of Adolphus Brower, which was presented on Tuesday last, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the conference desired by this House on the subject-matter of the amendment depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the remission or mitigation of Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, in certain cases;" and have appointed managers at the same on their part. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26.

A memorial of the officers of the late Navy of the United States was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed the half pay and other emoluments granted to the officers of the Army. Also,

A petition of the merchants and traders of the town of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, praying that Congress will adopt measures to prevent foreigners from carrying the commodities of the continent to any port or place where the citizens of the United States are prohibited from carrying them; and also, that the District and Circuit Courts of New Hampshire may be held in the said town of Portsmouth.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Lee, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill further to suspend part of an act, entitled "An act to regulate the Collection of the Duties imposed by law on the Tonnage of ships or vessels, and on Goods, Wares, and Merchandises, imported into the United States;" which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do provide a book, in which each member shall enter his account of compensation, for travelling to and from the seat of Government, and attendance, previous to obtaining the Speaker's certificate for the same.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill "to prevent the exportation of goods not duly inspected according to the laws of the several States."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee did, yesterday, wait on the President of the United States, and present him with two enrolled bills, one entitled "An act to establish an Uniform Rule of Naturalization;" the other entitled "An act making appropriations for the Support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety;" for his approbation.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to accept a cession of the claims of the State of North Carolina to a certain district of Western territory."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be read the third time on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 29.

An engrossed bill to prevent the Exportation of Goods not duly inspected according to the laws of the several States was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to prevent the Exportation of Goods not duly inspected according to the laws of the several States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to accept a cession of the claims of the State of North Carolina to a certain district of Western territory," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, with the following amendment:

In the first line strike out the words "The honorable."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith, and desire their concurrence to the said amendment.

A bill "further to suspend part of an act, entitled "An act to regulate the Collection of the Duties imposed by law on the Tonnage of ships or vessels, and on Goods, Wares, and Merchandises, imported into the United States," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion,

Ordered, That so much of the petition of the merchants and traders of the town of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, as prays that Congress will adopt measures to prevent foreigners from carrying the commodities of this continent to any port or place where the citizens of the United States are prohibited from carrying them, be referred to Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Ashe, Mr. Parker, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Vining, Mr. Benson, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Foster; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That such other part of the said petition as prays that the District and Circuit Courts of New Hampshire may be held in the said town of Portsmouth, be referred

to Mr. Foster, Mr. Williamson, and Mr. Thatcher; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the memorial of the officers of the late Navy of the United States, which was presented on Friday last, be referred to Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Stone, Mr. Ashe, and Mr. Burke; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Moses Hazen, on behalf of himself and Andrew Lee, was presented to the House and read, praying a settlement of certain claims against the United States, as officers in the late Army.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Benson, from the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit, reported, according to order, the resolutions agreed to by the committee on the thirteenth instant, as follow :

“1. *Resolved*, That adequate provision ought to be made for fulfilling the engagements of the United States in respect to their foreign debt.

2. *Resolved*, That permanent funds ought to be appropriated for the payment of interest on, and the gradual discharge of, the domestic debt of the United States.

3. *Resolved*, That the arrear of interest, including indents issued in payment thereof, ought to be provided for on the same terms with the principal of the said debt.

4. *Resolved*, That the debts of the respective States ought, with the consent of the creditors, to be assumed and provided for by the United States. And that effectual provision be at the same time made for liquidating and crediting to the States the whole of their respective expenditures during the war, as the same have been or may be stated for the purpose; and that, in such liquidation, the best evidence shall be received that the nature of the case will permit.

5. *Resolved*, That it is advisable to endeavor to effect a new modification of the domestic debt, including that of the particular States, with the voluntary consent of the creditors, by a loan, upon terms mutually beneficial to them and to the United States.

6. *Resolved*, That, for the purpose expressed in the last preceding resolution, subscriptions towards a loan ought to be opened, to the amount of the said domestic debt, including that of the respective States, upon the terms following, to wit :

That for every hundred dollars subscribed, payable in the said debt, (as well interest as principal,) the subscriber be entitled, at his option, either

To have two-thirds funded at an annuity, or yearly interest at six per cent. redeemable at the pleasure of the Government, by payment of the principal; and to receive the other third in lands in the Western Territory, at the rate of twenty cents per acre. Or,

To have sixty-six dollars and two-thirds of a dollar funded immediately, at an annuity, or yearly interest of six per cent. irredeemable by any payment exceeding — per annum, on account both of principal and interest; and to have, at the end of — years; — funded at the like interest and rate of redemption.

7. *Resolved*, That immediate provision ought to be made for the present debt of the United States; and that the faith of Government ought to be pledged to make provision, at their next session, for so much of the debts of the respective States, as shall have been subscribed upon any of the terms expressed in the last resolution.

8. *Resolved*, That the funds which shall be appropriated according to the second of the foregoing resolutions, be applied, in the first place, to the payment of interest on the sums subscribed towards the proposed loan; and that, if any part of the said domestic debt shall remain unsubscribed, the surplus of the said funds be applied, by a temporary appropriation, to the payment of interest on the unsubscribed part, so as not to exceed, for the present, four per cent. per annum; but this limitation shall not be understood to impair the right of the non-subscribing creditors to the residue of the interest on their respective debts: and in case the aforesaid surplus should prove insufficient to pay the non-subscribing creditors, at the aforesaid rate of four per cent. that the faith of Government be pledged to make good such deficiency.”

The first, second, and third resolutions were severally read a second time, and on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The fourth resolution was read a second time, and, on a motion made, ordered to be re-committed to the same committee. Ayes 29: Noes 27.

Ordered, That the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth resolutions do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled “An act to accept a cession of the claims of the State of North Carolina to a certain district of Western Territory,” with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30.

A petition of Christopher Colles, of the city of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying to be employed by Congress in a survey and publication of the roads of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Postmaster General, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Stephen Steward, junior, administrator of John Steward, deceased, late a Colonel in the Maryland line of the Army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying a settlement of certain unliquidated accounts between the estate of the decedent and the United States.

Also, a petition of Leonard Young, of the State of Delaware, praying relief in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, during the late war, which have disabled him from procuring a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of Moses Hazen, on behalf of himself and Andrew Lee, which was presented yesterday, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill "to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes;" which was received and read the first time.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President has approved of two acts, one entitled "An act to establish an Uniform Rule of Naturalization;" the other, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety;" and affixed his signature to the same on the twenty-sixth instant.

The House resumed the consideration of the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth resolutions, reported yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House on the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said resolutions be severally re-committed to the same committee.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to promote the Progress of Useful Arts," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A member from North Carolina presented to the House the proceedings of a Convention of that State, recommending certain amendments to the Constitution of the United States; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31.

A bill to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to prevent the Exportation of Goods not duly inspected according to the laws of the several States." And then he withdrew.

Memorials of the manufacturers of tobacco and snuff, in the cities of Philadelphia and New York, were presented to the House and read, praying the attention of Congress to the encouragement of the said manufactories, and that no duties may be imposed on manufactured snuff and tobacco exported.

Ordered, That the said memorials do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the Committee to whom was re-committed the bill "providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations," presented an amendatory bill to the same effect; which was received, and read the first time.

The several orders of the day were read and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1.

An amendatory bill "providing the means of Intercourse between the United States and Foreign Nations," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The several petitions of Stephen Califfe, of Ichabod Spencer, for himself and others, and of Josiah Harris, for himself and others, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying relief, in consideration of losses or injuries sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Wynkoop have leave to be absent from the service of this House until this day se'night.

A petition of Jacob Purdy, of the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in consideration of the loss of certain continental loan-office certificates, which were taken from him during the late war, by a party of the British enemy.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, one entitled "An act to prevent the exportation of goods not duly inspected according to the laws of the several States;" the other, entitled "An act to accept a cession of the claims of the State of North Carolina to a certain district of Western territory;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under their consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, who delivered in the same, together with the papers therein referred to. And then withdrew.

The said message and papers were read, and are as follow :

UNITED STATES, *April 1, 1790.**Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :*

I have directed my Private Secretary to lay before you a copy of the adoption, by the Legislature of South Carolina, of the articles proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States, as Amendments to the Constitution of the United States ; together with the copy of a letter from the Governor of the State of South Carolina to the President of the United States, which have lately come to my hands.

The originals of the foregoing will be lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

G. WASHINGTON.

"CHARLESTON, January 28th, 1790.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit you the entire adoption, by the Legislature of this State, of the Amendments proposed to the Constitution of the United States.

I am, with the most perfect esteem and respect, your most obedient servant,

CHARLES PINCKNEY.

To the PRESIDENT of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

January 18th, 1790.

The House took into consideration the report of the committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Congress of the United States, of the fourth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, viz : [Here follow the several Articles of Amendment, in the words agreed to by Congress.] which being read through, was agreed to : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do adopt the said several articles; and that they become a part of the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, That the resolutions be sent to the Senate for their concurrence.

By order of the House.

JACOB READ,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*IN THE SENATE, *January 19th, 1790.*

Resolved, That this House do concur with the House of Representatives in the foregoing resolutions.

By order of the Senate.

D. DE SAUSURE,

President of the Senate."

Ordered, That the said message and papers do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee did, yesterday, wait on the President of the United States, and present him with two enrolled bills : one entitled "An act to prevent the Exportation of Goods not duly inspected according to the laws of the several States ;" the other, entitled "An act to accept a cession of the claims of the State of North Carolina to a certain district of Western Territory," for his approbation.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Printers' accounts for newspapers, furnished for the use of Congress, be referred to Mr. Benson, Mr. Wadsworth, and Mr. Livermore, with instruction to report a provision for payment of the same; and also a proper mode of regulating the future supply of newspapers for the use of both Houses.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to promote the Progress of Useful Arts;" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the tenth amendment, and doth agree to all the others.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President has approved of the act, entitled "An act to prevent the Exportation of Goods not duly inspected according to the laws of the several States;" and affixed his signature to the same on the second instant.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform this House, that the President of the United States has approved the act, entitled "An act to accept a cession of the claims of the State of North Carolina to a certain district of Western Territory;" and affixed his signature thereto on the second instant." And then he withdrew.

On a motion made and seconded that the Secretary of State be authorized to employ one additional Clerk, with a salary of eight hundred dollars per annum;

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to Mr. Vining, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Lee, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant thereto.

A petition of James Warren was presented to the House and read, praying the settlement of an unliquidated claim against the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 5.

The petitions of Thomas Simpson and John Garnett were presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, during the late war, which have disabled them from obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petition of Ezra Stiles, on behalf of the President and Fellows of Yale College, in Connecticut, which was presented on the 27th of January last, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill further to suspend part of an act, entitled "An act to regulate the Collection of the Duties imposed by law on the Tonnage of ships or vessels, and on Goods, Wares, and Merchandises, imported into the United States."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill "to allow compensation to John Ely for his services and expenses as a Regimental Surgeon in the late Armies of the United States."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and agreed to by the House.

And then the question being put, that the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed and read the third time;

It passed in the negative; and so the bill was rejected.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, as followeth.

UNITED STATES, April 5th, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have directed my Private Secretary to lay before you copies of three acts of the Legislature of the State of New York, which have been transmitted to me by the Governor thereof, viz:

“An act declaring it to be the duty of the sheriffs of the several counties within this State to receive, and safe-keep, such prisoners as shall be committed under the authority of the United States.”

“An act for vesting in the United States of America the light-house, and lands thereunto belonging, at Sandy Hook.”

“An act ratifying certain Articles in addition to, and amendment of, the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress.”

A copy of a letter accompanying said acts, from the Governor of the State of New York, to the President of the United States, will, at the same time, be laid before you, and the originals deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State.

G. WASHINGTON.

The letter and papers accompanying the said message were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate recede from their tenth amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled “An act to promote the Progress of Useful Arts.” And then he withdrew.

Mr. Burke, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of a certain description of Officers therein mentioned; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

Ordered, That the exemplification of the act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled “An act for vesting in the United States of America the light-house and lands thereunto belonging at Sandy Hook,” referred to in the message of to-day, from the President of the United States, be committed to Mr. Page, Mr. Benson, and Mr. Seney, with instruction to examine the same, and report their opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled “An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States.”

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6.

An engrossed bill, further to suspend part of an act, entitled “An act to regulate the Collection of the Duties imposed by law on the Tonnage of ships or vessels, and on Goods, Wares, and Merchandises imported into the United States; was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, “An act further to suspend part of an act, entitled “An act to regulate the collection of the duties imposed by law on the Tonnage of ships or vessels, and on Goods, Wares, and Merchandises, imported into the United States.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A bill for the relief of a certain description of Officers therein mentioned was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

A petition of Joseph Henderson was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered to the United States during the late war as a Paymaster in the Navy,

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of David Steele was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States during the late war, which have disabled him from procuring a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Baron de Steuben, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Another Member from North Carolina, to wit: Timothy Bloodworth, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7.

A petition of Elizabeth Rockwell, widow of William Rockwell, late of Norwich, in Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying that her claim, as administratrix of the said William Rockwell, for his services in the late Navy of the United States, may be liquidated and satisfied.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Nathaniel Fox was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners as a deranged and wounded officer of the late Army of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A Member from South Carolina presented to the House a letter addressed to him from John H. Mitchel, of the said State, reciting certain proposals of Matthew Boulton, of the kingdom of Great Britain, for supplying the United States with copper coinage to any amount that Government shall think fit to contract with him for, upon the terms therein mentioned.

Ordered, That the said letter and proposals be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Foster, from the committee to whom was referred that part of the petition of the merchants and traders of the town of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, which prays that the Circuit and Districts Courts of the said State may be held at Portsmouth, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to promote the Progress of Useful Arts," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8.

A petition of Elisha Curtis, on behalf of himself and others, was presented to the House and read, praying payment of a claim against the United States : Also, a petition of Basil Middleton, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee did, yesterday, wait on the President of the United States, and present him with the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to promote the Progress of Useful Arts," for his approbation.

A memorial of sundry merchants and traders, of the town of Newburyport, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, setting forth the inconveniences under which they labor from the operation of the laws of trade of the United States, and praying relief therein.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of the proprietors of the Beverly Cotton Manufactory, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying the patronage of Government to their undertaking, and that an additional impost may be laid on the importation of cotton goods.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Silvester, Mr. Clymer, and Mr. Gale; that they do examine the matter thereof; and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Benson, from the committee to whom it was referred to report a provision for payment of the printers' accounts for newspapers furnished for the use of Congress; and also a proper mode of regulating the future supply of newspapers for the use of both Houses, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee to whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurer of the United States, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, amended, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act further to suspend part of an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the Collection of the Duties imposed by law on the Tonnage of ships or vessels, and on Goods, Wares, and Merchandises, imported into the United States,' with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments; and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Ames, from the managers appointed on the part of this House, to attend the conference with the Senate, on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the remission or mitigation of Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, in certain cases," reported that the committee had, according to order, met the managers on the part of the Senate, in the conference chamber, and freely discussed the subject-matter of the said amendments, but had come to no agreement thereupon.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his secretary, notifying that the President has approved of the act, entitled "An act to promote the Progress of Useful Arts," and affixed his signature to the same this day.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States," with the amendments, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill, with the amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith, and desire their concurrence in the said amendments.

Ordered, That the several petitions of Enos Brown, Barent Martlings, and James De Laplaine, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On motion,

The report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the memorial of Baron de Steuben was read the second time, and ordered to be taken into consideration on Monday se'nnight.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to regulate Trade and Intercourse with the Indian tribes.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 12.

The House proceeded to re-consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the remission or mitigation of Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, in certain cases." Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth adhere to their disagreement to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Cadwalader and Mr. Sedgwick have leave to be absent from the service of this House until this day fortnight, and Mr. Schureman until Friday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and reports from the Secretary of the Treasury on the petitions of William Finnie and James Warren; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13.

The petitions of Caleb Brewster and Jacobus Wynkoop were presented to the House and read, respectively praying relief in consideration of losses or injuries sustained in the service of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Vining, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplemental to the act for establishing the salaries of the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks; which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the enrolled bill, entitled "An act further to suspend part of an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the Collection of the Duties imposed by law on the Tonnage of ships or vessels, and on Goods, Wares, and Merchandises, imported into the United States, and to amend the said act,'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Joseph Beale was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for losses and damages which he sustained by the American Army during the late war. Also,

A petition of Thomas Wickes, praying compensation for services rendered to the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for regulating the Post Office of the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

A petition of Samuel Jones and Thomas Crawford was presented to the House and read, praying payment of a claim against the United States. Also,

A petition of Joseph M'Gibbons, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of military services rendered to the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present him with the enrolled bill, entitled "An act further to suspend part of an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the Collection of Duties imposed by law on the Tonnage of ships or vessels, and on Goods, Wares, and Merchandises, imported into the United States, and to amend the said act,'" for his approbation.

A petition of Henry Emanuel Lutterloh was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed the pay and emoluments of a Colonel, in consideration of military services rendered to the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instructions to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A member from Massachusetts presented to the House a representation from the Legislature of that State to Congress, relative to the present state of the Whale and Cod Fisheries, together with sundry petitions accompanying the same; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom it was referred to report a provision for the payment of the printers' accounts for newspapers furnished for the use of Congress, and also a proper mode of regulating the future supply of newspapers for the use of both Houses: Whereupon,

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members présent,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Brown,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
George Gale,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,

James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Thomas Scott,
Joshua Seney,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith, of *Maryland*,
Thomas Sumpter,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Theodorick Bland,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Elias Boudinot,
Edanus Burke,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Jonathan Grout,
Benjamin Huntington,

George Leonard
Samuel Livermore,
George Partridge,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, of *South Carolina*,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John Vining, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16.

A petition of the manufacturers of mustard, in the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying the patronage of Congress to that manufacture, and that an additional duty may be imposed on imported mustard. Also,

A petition of the manufacturers of tobacco and snuff, in the town of Baltimore, praying the attention of Congress to the encouragement of the said manufactories, and that no duties may be imposed on manufactured snuff and tobacco exported. Also,

A petition of Darby Oram, praying compensation for services rendered in the Navy of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for mitigating or releasing the forfeitures and penalties accruing under the revenue laws, in certain cases therein to be mentioned; and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Huntington, be of the said committee.

A petition of Jonathan Hampton, of the State of New Jersey, was presented to the House and read, praying relief against a seizure of certain furniture and effects, the property of the petitioner, made under the act to regulate the collection of duties within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee last appointed; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the petition of the merchants and traders of the town of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, as prays that Congress will adopt measures to prevent foreigners from carrying the commodities of this continent to any port or place where the citizens of the United States are prohibited from carrying them, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Ordered, That Mr. Leonard have leave to be absent from the service of this House until this day three weeks.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 19.

A petition of Peter Smith, of Stamford, in the State of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of Invalids as a wounded soldier in the service of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of Darby Oram, which was presented on Friday last, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Brown have leave to be absent from the service of this House until this day se'nnight.

The House proceeded to re-consider their amendments, disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do recede from their amendments, disagreed to by the Senate, to the nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-sixth sections; and do agree to the amendment proposed by the Senate to their amendment to the twenty-eighth section of the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Another member, from North Carolina, to wit: John Steele, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being administered to him by Mr. Speaker according to law.

The House, according to the order of the day, proceeded to take into consideration the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the memorial of the Baron de Steuben: Whereupon,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or resolution, in conformity to the said report; and a committee was appointed, of Mr. Gerry, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Vining, Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, and Mr. Lawrance.

Ordered, That Mr. Trumbull have leave to be absent from the service of this House until this day fortnight.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20.

A petition of Patten Jackson was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed the commutation of full pay, in consideration of military services as a lieutenant in the Army of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire what further measures are necessary for making an effectual and speedy settlement of the accounts of the several States with the United States, and to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant thereto.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, Mr. Schurman, and Mr. Sturges.

Mr. Bland, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Donald Campbell, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of a certain description of Officers therein mentioned.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report of the Secretary of War on the petition of Nathaniel Gove ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.

An engrossed bill for the relief of a certain description of Officers therein mentioned, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, " An act for the relief of a certain description of Officers therein mentioned."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the proprietors of the Beverly Cotton Manufactory, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lawrance, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Cowenhoven, and others, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills allowing compensation to Colonel John Ely ; and a committee was appointed, of Mr. Partridge, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Mathews.

A petition of John Wiley was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed for moneys advanced in the service of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message from the Senate, by Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled " An act for regulating the Military Establishment of the United States," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and reports from the Secretary of War on the several petitions of William M'Kennan, Joseph Harris, Samuel Jones, Thomas Crawford, David Poole, Joseph M'Gibbon, Stephen Califfe, Ephraim M'Coy, Christian Khun, and David Steele; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the petitions of Catherine Wheelan and Pattin Jackson, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House being informed of the decease of Benjamin Franklin, a citizen whose native genius was not more an ornament to human nature, than his various exertions of it have been precious to science, to freedom, and to his country, do resolve, as a mark of the veneration due to his memory, that the members wear the customary badge of mourning for one month.

Mr. Partridge, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to allow compensation to John Ely, for his attendance as a Physician and Surgeon on prisoners of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for the relief of disabled Soldiers and Seamen.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Williamson, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Peter Muhlenberg.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for regulating the Military Establishment of the United States:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to all the said amendments, with an amendment to the eighth amendment to the fifth section of the said bill, as follows:

In lieu of the word "*eighteen*," proposed to be inserted by the Senate, insert "*twenty-four*."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23.

A bill to allow compensation to John Ely for his attendance as a Physician and Surgeon on the prisoners of the United States, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on this day week.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering a report made pursuant to the order of the House of Representatives on the nineteenth of January last, respecting difficulties which have occurred in the execution of the several laws for collecting duties on goods, wares, and merchandises, and on tonnage, and for regulating the coasting trade, which was read, and ordered to be committed to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Boudinot Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Lee.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and reports from the Secretary of War on the petitions of Thomas Simpson, Basil Middleton, and Cornelius Wynkoop; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the amendment proposed by this House to their eighth amendment of the fifth section of the bill, entitled "An act for regulating the Military Establishment of the United States." And then he withdrew.

A petition and remonstrance of the Merchants of George Town and Bladensburg, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, stating sundry inconveniences under which they labor from the operation of the laws of trade, and praying relief therein.

Ordered, That the said petition and remonstrance do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of James Warren: Whereupon,

A motion being made and seconded "That the sum of three hundred eighty-four dollars, and ninety-two cents be allowed and paid to Major General James Warren, in full for so much short paid him upon a warrant of Congress on the State of Massachusetts, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one:"

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Department of War be directed to lay before the House an account of the troops, (including the militia,) and also of the ordnance stores furnished from time to time by the several States, towards the support of the late war: And that the Commissioners for settling the Accounts of the United States with the respective States, be directed to lay before the House an abstract of the claims of the several States against the United States, specifying the principles on which the claims are founded.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report the sums of money, including indents and paper money of every kind, reduced to specie value, which have been received from, or paid to, the several States by Congress, from the commencement of the Revolution to the present period.

Ordered, That the Commissioners for settling Accounts between the United States and individual States, report the amount of such claims of the States as have been offered to them since the time expired for receiving claims, specifying the principles on which the claims are founded, and distinguishing them from other claims.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until Monday next. And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 26.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and reports from the Secretary of War on the several petitions of William Oliver, Edward Thompson, Leonard Young, and Peter Smith; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Isaac Spencer, executor, &c. of Joseph Spencer, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the settlement and payment of a debt due to the estate of the decedent from the United States. Also,

A petition of Messrs. Bertier and Company, of the City of Philadelphia, merchants, praying relief against a seizure of sundry goods, the property of the petitioners, for a supposed violation of the laws of trade.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of War on the petition of Nathaniel Gove: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report, together with the several other reports of the said Secretary of War, on the petitions of Charles Markley, Jeremiah Ryan, John Stevens, David Poole, Joseph M'Gibbon Stephen Califfe, Ephraim M'Coy, Christian Khun, and David Steel, be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for the relief of disabled Soldiers and Seamen, with instruction to the said committee to insert a clause or clauses making provision for the said petitioners respectively, pursuant to the tenor of the said report.

A petition of Benjamin Harwood, of the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered to the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from further proceedings on the plan of the Secretary of War for the general arrangement of the Militia of the United States, and that the said plan be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills providing for the national defence.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do agree to the following order, to wit:

"That the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit, be for the present

discharged from proceeding on so much of the said report as relates to an assumption of the State debts."

The previous question was demanded by five members, Shall the main question to agree to the said order be now put? And on the question, Shall the main question be now put?

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Ayes 32,
Noes 18.

And then the main question being put, that the House do agree to the said order,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Ayes 32,
Noes 18.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptst Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Daniel Carroll,
Nicholas Gilman,
Samuel Griffin,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,

George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
James Schureman,
Thomas Scott,
Joshua Seney,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith, of *Maryland*,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Theodorick Bland,
Elias Boudinot,
Edanus Burke,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Jonathan Grout,
Benjamin Huntington,

Samuel Livermore,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, of *South Carolina*,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

"*Resolved*, That it is advisable to endeavor to effect a new modification of the domestic debt, with the voluntary consent of the creditors, by a loan, upon terms mutually beneficial to them and to the United States.

Resolved, That, for the purpose expressed in the last preceding resolution, subscriptions towards a loan ought to be opened, to the amount of the said domestic debt, upon the terms following to wit:

That for every hundred dollars subscribed, payable in the said debt (as well interest as principal) the subscriber be entitled at his option, either

To have two thirds funded at an annuity or yearly interest of six per cent. redeemable at the pleasure of the Government, by payment of the principal, and to receive the other third in lands in the Western Territory, at the rate of twenty cents per acre; Or,

To have the whole sum funded at an annuity or yearly interest of four per cent. irredeemable by any payment exceeding six dollars per annum on account both of principal and interest, and to receive as a compensation for the reduction of interest, fifteen dollars and eighty cents, payable in lands as in the preceding case; Or,

To have sixty-six dollars and two-thirds of a dollar funded immediately, at an annuity or yearly interest of six per cent. irredeemable by any payment exceeding six dollars per annum, on account both of principal and interest; and to have, at the end of seven years, thirty-three dollars and one-third of a dollar, funded at the like interest and rate of redemption.

Resolved, That immediate provision ought to be made for the present debt of the United States.

Resolved, That the funds which shall be appropriated according to the second of the foregoing resolutions, be applied, in the first place, to the payment of interest on the sums subscribed towards the proposed loan; and that, if any part of the said domestic debt shall remain unsubscribed, the surplus of the said funds be applied, by a temporary appropriation, to the payment of interest on the unsubscribed part, so as not to exceed, for the present, four per cent. per annum; but this limitation shall not be understood to impair the right of the non-subscribing creditors to the residue of the interest on their respective debts: And in case the aforesaid surplus should prove insufficient to pay the non-subscribing creditors, at the aforesaid rate of four per cent. that the faith of Government be pledged to make good such deficiency."

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions, as also, to the resolutions reported from the said committee, and agreed to by the House on the 29th ult. and that Mr. Stone, Mr. White, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Clymer, and Mr. Gilman, do prepare and bring in the same.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and reports from the Postmaster General, on the petition of Christopher Colles; and also on the several matters submitted to him by an order of the House of the 15th inst.; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for mitigating or remitting the Forfeitures and Penalties accruing under the revenue laws, in certain cases therein mentioned; which was received, and read the first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a provision for the support of the public credit.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

Resolved, That, from and after the — day of — next, in lieu of the duties now payable upon wines and distilled spirits imported into the United States, there shall be paid the following rates:

Upon every gallon of Madeira wine called London particular, thirty-five cents:

Upon every gallon of other Madeira wine, thirty cents:

Upon every gallon of Sherry wine, twenty-five cents:

Upon every gallon of other wine, twenty cents:

Upon every gallon of distilled spirits, more than ten per cent. below proof, according to Dicus's hydrometer, twenty cents:

Upon every gallon of those spirits under five, and not more than ten per cent. below proof, according to the same hydrometer, twenty-one cents:

Upon every gallon of those spirits of proof, and not more than five per cent. below proof, according to the same hydrometer, twenty-two cents:

Upon every gallon of those spirits above proof, but not exceeding twenty per cent. according to the same hydrometer, twenty-five cents:

Upon every gallon of those spirits more than twenty, and not more than forty per cent. above proof, according to the same hydrometer, thirty cents:

Upon every gallon of those spirits more than forty per cent. above proof, according to the same hydrometer, forty cents :

Resolved, That, from and after the — day of —, in lieu of the duties now payable upon teas and coffee imported into the United States, there shall be paid,

Upon every pound of hyson tea, forty cents :

Upon every pound of other green tea, twenty-four cents :

Upon every pound of souchong or other black tea, other than bohea, twenty cents :

Upon every pound of bohea tea, twelve cents :

Upon every pound of coffee, five cents.

Resolved, That, from and after the — day of — there be paid upon spirits distilled within the United States, from molasses, sugar, or other foreign manufacture :

Upon every gallon of those spirits more than ten per cent. below proof, according to Dicas's hydrometer, eleven cents :

Upon every gallon of those spirits under five, and not more than ten per cent. below proof, according to the same hydrometer, twelve cents :

Upon every gallon of those spirits of proof, and not more than five per cent. below proof, according to the same hydrometer, thirteen cents :

Upon every gallon of those spirits above proof, but not exceeding twenty per cent. according to the same hydrometer, fifteen cents :

Upon every gallon of those spirits more than twenty, and not more than forty per cent. above proof, according to the same hydrometer, twenty cents :

Upon every gallon of those spirits more than forty per cent. above proof, according to the same hydrometer, thirty cents.

Resolved, That, from and after the — day of — there be paid upon spirits distilled within the United States, in any city, town or village, from materials the growth or production of the United States :

Upon every gallon more than ten per cent. below proof, according to Dicas's hydrometer, nine cents :

Upon every gallon of those spirits under five, and not more than ten per cent. below proof, according to the same hydrometer, ten cents :

Upon every gallon of those spirits, of proof, and not more than five per cent. below proof, according to the same hydrometer, eleven cents :

Upon every gallon of those spirits, above proof, but not exceeding twenty per cent. according to the same hydrometer, thirteen cents :

Upon every gallon of those spirits, more than twenty, and not more than forty per cent. above proof, according to the same hydrometer, seventeen cents :

Upon every gallon of those spirits, more than forty per cent. above proof, according to the same hydrometer, twenty-five cents :

And upon all stills employed in distilling spirits from materials of the growth or production of the United States, in any other place than a city, town, or village, there be paid the yearly sum of sixty cents for every gallon, English wine measure, of the capacity of each still, including its head; or — cents per gallon for all spirits distilled from grain; or — cents per gallon for all spirits distilled from fruit."

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Contee, and Mr. Bloodworth, do prepare and bring in the same.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to continue in force an act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled 'An act to regulate Processes in the Courts of the United States,'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for regulating the Military Establishment of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Benson, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Sumpter, Mr. Seney, and Mr. Parker, be added to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills providing for the national defence.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the bill for regulating the Post Office of the United States, be discharged from further proceeding thereon, and that the said bill, together with the report of the Postmaster General on the several matters submitted to him by an order of the House of the fifteenth inst. be referred to Mr. Livermore, Mr. Ames, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Silvester, Mr. Wynkoop, Mr. Smith, (of Maryland,) Mr. Moore, Mr. Steele, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Vining.

On motion,

Ordered, That the copy of an act of the Legislature of the State of South Carolina, entitled "An act for ceding to and vesting in the United States, the light-house on Middle-Bay Island, within the bar of Charleston harbor," which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the petitions of John Holbrook, and Lemuel Cravath, which were presented on the nineteenth of January, last, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.

A bill to provide for mitigating or remitting the Forfeitures and Penalties accruing under the revenue laws, in certain cases therein mentioned, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force an act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled 'An act to regulate Processes in the Courts of the United States,'" was read the second time.

A petition of Jean Boand, of the city of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying relief against the payment of double tonnage, which has been exacted from him under what he conceives to be a misconstruction of the laws of trade.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the twenty-third instant, respecting difficulties which have occurred in the execution of the several laws for collecting duties on goods, wares and merchandises, and on tonnage, and for regulating the coasting trade; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred the act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An act ceding the light-house and land at Sandy Hook to the United States," be discharged from further proceeding thereon, and that the said act be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to take order pursuant thereto.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for mitigating or remitting the Forfeitures and Penalties accruing under the revenue laws, in certain cases therein mentioned.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Government of the Territory of the United States South of the river Ohio."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Page, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill "to prescribe the mode in which the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings, in each State shall be authenticated, so as to take effect in every other State;" which was received, and read the first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill "to regulate Trade and Intercourse with the Indian tribes."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from farther proceeding on the said bill, and that it be re-committed to Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Brown, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Burke, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Livermore, Mr. Ames, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Scott, Mr. Smith, (of Maryland,) Mr. Sumpter, and Mr. Steele.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War of the twenty-fourth of March last, on the petition of John Rogers, on behalf of himself and others, be referred to Mr. Brown, Mr. Page, and Mr. Silvester.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29.

A bill to prescribe the mode in which the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings, in each State, shall be authenticated, so as to take effect in every other State, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

An engrossed bill "to provide for mitigating or remitting the Forfeitures and Penalties accruing under the revenue laws, in certain cases therein mentioned," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the Forfeitures and Penalties accruing under the revenue laws, in certain cases therein mentioned."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Government of the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio," with the amendments, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill, with the amendments, do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the Government of the Territory of the United States Southeast of the River Ohio."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith, and desire their concurrence to the said amendments.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present him with two enrolled bills, one entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States;" the other entitled "An act for regulating the Military Establishment of the United States," for his approbation.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force an act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled 'An act to regulate Processes in the Courts of the United States,'" was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of the manufacturers of cordage in the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that a further duty may be imposed on the importation of foreign cordage.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of James Read was presented to the House and read, praying for the settlement of a claim against the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in to authorize the issuing certificates to a certain description of invalid officers; and that Mr. Burke, Mr. Contee, and Mr. Coles, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in for the government and regulation of seamen in the merchants' service; and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Smith, (of Maryland,) and Mr. Sturges, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to consider and report whether any, and what, additional rules are necessary for regulating the proceedings of this House; and that the said committee do confer with any committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate, to consider and report, whether any, and what further regulations are necessary for conducting the business between the two Houses; and a committee was appointed of Mr. Sherman, Mr. Smith, (of South Carolina,) and Mr. Vining.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplemental to the act for establishing the salaries of the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill providing the means of Intercourse between the United States and foreign nations, and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, books, and other writings to the Authors and Proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30.

An engrossed bill, "supplemental to the act for establishing the Salaries of the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplemental to the act for establishing the Salaries of the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill providing the means of Intercourse between the United States and foreign nations, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act providing the means of Intercourse between the United States and foreign nations."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of maps,

charts, books, and other writings, to the Authors and Proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, books, and other writings, to the Authors and Proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Joseph Hardison, on behalf of Benjamin Hardison, of Lebanon, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered, and injuries sustained by the said Benjamin, during the late war.

Also, a petition of John Wilson, praying to be placed on the list of invalids, as a wounded soldier in the service of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of Morris county, in the State of New Jersey, was presented to the House and read, praying that additional duties may be imposed on the importation of copperas, vitriol, Spanish brown, Venetian red, and yellow ochre paints.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Contee, and Mr. Bloodworth, to whom it was referred to prepare and bring in a bill or bills imposing additional duties.

The petitions of sundry inhabitants of Gloucester county, in the State of New Jersey, were presented to the House and read, praying that a port of entry and delivery may be established at the mouth of Great Egg harbor River, in said county.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Fitzsimmon, and Mr. Lee, to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the twenty-third instant.

A message was received from the President of the United States, notifying that the President has approved of the act, entitled "An act for regulating the Military Establishment of the United States," and affixed his signature thereto this day.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report of the Commissioners for Settling Accounts between the United States and individual States, made pursuant to an order of the House of the twenty-third instant, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a bill or bills to alter one of the places of holding District Courts in the State of Pennsylvania; and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Seney, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Burke, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the issuing of Certificates to a certain description of Invalid Officers, which was received, and read the first time.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to report a catalogue of books necessary for the use of Congress, together with an estimate of the expense thereof; and that Mr. Gerry, Mr. Burke, and Mr. White, be of the said committee.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the bill to prescribe the mode in which the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings, in each State, shall be authenticated, so as to take effect in every other State.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to allow compensation to John Ely for his attendance as a physician and surgeon on the prisoners of the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Gerry, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for finally adjusting and satisfying the claims of Frederick William de Steuben ; which was received, and read the first time.

Resolved, That a committee of this House be appointed, to join with a committee to be appointed by the Senate, to consider and report their opinion on the question, when, according to the Constitution, the terms for which the President, Vice President, Senators, and Representatives have been respectively chosen, shall be deemed to have commenced ; And also, to consider of, and report their opinion on, such other matters as they shall conceive have relation to this question.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Benson, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Carroll.

On motion,

Ordered, That the report of the committee appointed to examine into the measures taken by Congress, and the State of Virginia, respecting the lands reserved for the use of the officers and soldiers of the said State, on Continental and State Establishments, in the cession made by the said State to the United States, of the Territory Northwest of the River Ohio, be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ordered, That Mr. Mathews have leave to be absent from the service of this House until Wednesday next.

The order of the day was read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 3.

An engrossed bill to prescribe the mode in which "the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings, in each State, shall be authenticated, so as to take effect in every other State," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to prescribe the mode in which the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings, in each State, shall be authenticated, so as to take effect in every other State."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill "to allow compensation to John Ely for his attendance as a physician and surgeon on the prisoners of the United States," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act to allow compensation to John Ely for his attendance as a physician and surgeon on the prisoners of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A bill to authorize the issuing of Certificates to a certain description of Invalid Officers, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A bill for finally adjusting and satisfying the claims of Frederick William de Steuben, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A petition of Joel Knap was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners as a wounded soldier in the service of the United States during the late war.

Also, a petition of Thomas M'Fall to the same effect.

Also, a petition of Joseph Ransom, praying that the pension heretofore granted him, in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, may be continued, and that certain arrearages thereof, now due, may be made good to him.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of the coachmakers of the City of Philadelphia was presented to the House and read, praying the patronage of Congress to that manufacture, and that a tax on carriages manufactured in America, may not be imposed.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of the merchants, mechanics, and others, of the town of Alexandria, was presented to the House and read, praying a repeal of so much of the act, entitled "An act to regulate the Collection of the Duties imposed by law on the Tonnage of ships or vessels, and on Goods, Wares, and Merchandises, imported into the United States,"

as obliges ships or vessels bound up the river Potomac, to come to, and deposit manifests of their cargoes at St. Mary's, or Yeocomico, before they proceed to their port of delivery.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Lee, to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the twenty-third ultimo.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the Government and Regulation of Seamen in the Merchants' Service; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on this day week.

Ordered, That the report of the committee to whom was referred so much of the petition of the merchants and traders of Portsmouth, in New Hampshire, as prays that Congress will adopt measures to prevent foreigners from carrying the commodities of this continent to any port or place where the citizens of the United States are prohibited from carrying them, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Ordered, That the report and statements from the Treasury Department, of the receipts and expenditures of the public moneys from the establishment of the said Department to the thirty-first day of December last, which were laid before the House on the twenty-ninth of January, be annexed to, and published with, the Journal of this House for the present session.

Ordered, That the petitions of Thomas Coles, Nathan Fuller, and William Hassal; which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The order of the day was read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 4.

An engrossed bill to authorize the issuing of Certificates to a certain description of Invalid Officers, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act to authorize the issuing of Certificates to a certain description of Invalid Officers."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the thirtieth of last month, affix his signature to the act, entitled "An act for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States." The Senate have appointed committees on their part, to confer with committees appointed by this House, pursuant to resolutions of Friday last. The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled "An act for giving effect to the act therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina, and to amend the said act;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

A petition of Stephen Moore, of the State of North Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying to receive compensation for the use and value of a certain tract of land at West Point, in the State of New York, on which are erected the fortifications and arsenals of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instructions to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for finally adjusting and satisfying the claims of Frederick William de Steuben.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate disagree to the amendments proposed by this House to the

bill, entitled "An act for the Government of the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the Forfeitures and Penalties accruing under the Revenue Laws in certain cases therein mentioned;" with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The order of the day was read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for giving effect to the act therein mentioned in respect to the State of North Carolina, and to amend the said act," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House proceeded to reconsider their amendments to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the Government of the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio;" which were read: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do recede from their amendments to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the Forfeitures and Penalties accruing under the Revenue Laws, in certain cases therein mentioned:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Benjamin Kuffee was presented to the House and read, praying to receive compensation for military services rendered to the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the Duties heretofore laid upon Distilled Spirits imported from Abroad, and laying others in their stead; and, also, upon Spirits Distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those Spirits, and promote Agriculture, as to provide for the Support of the Public Credit, and for the Common Defence and General Welfare; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to prescribe the mode in which the Public Acts, Records, and Judicial Proceedings, in each State, shall be authenticated, so as to take effect in every other State. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for adjusting and satisfying the Claims of Frederick William de Steuben.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Treasury report to the House the amount of tonnage duties paid in each of the States from the first of September to the first of January last, distinguishing the foreign from the domestic tonnage.

The order of the day was read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MAY 6.

A memorial of Nathaniel Twining was presented to the House and read, praying relief for certain losses and injuries which he has sustained in consequence of a contract entered into with the late Postmaster General for the conveyance of the mail. Also,

A petition of Francis Mentges, late a Lieutenant Colonel in the Pennsylvania line, praying compensation for certain extra military services rendered during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for finally adjusting and satisfying the Claims of Frederick William de Steuben.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Stone, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making provision for the Debt of the United States ; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 7.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for giving effect to the act therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina, and to amend the said act."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, amended, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time on Monday next.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit :

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to cause accurate lists to be forthwith published in the newspapers of the States of Virginia and North Carolina, of all the officers and soldiers who are entitled to receive certain arrears of pay due to the lines of the Army of the said States, for which money was granted and appropriated by Congress at their last session ; and that payment be made to the said officers and soldiers, or where dead, to their legal representatives, under the same regulations as have been adopted for the payment of invalid pensioners, in pursuance of an act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled 'An act providing for the Payment of the Invalid Pensioners of the United States,' and that no claim of any assignee, under any transfer or power to receive the same, be admitted as valid to entitle any person to receive any part of the said arrears of pay due to the officers or soldiers of the said lines, except as aforesaid :"

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to Mr. Bland, Mr. Williamson, and Mr. Burke.

The House proceeded to consider the bill for finally adjusting and satisfying the claims of Frederick William de Steuben, which lay on the table : Whereupon,

A motion being made and seconded to amend the first section, by striking out from the word "*assembled*," in the second line, to the end thereof, as followeth :

That, for the final adjustment and satisfaction of the claims of Frederick William de Steuben, and as well to indemnify him for his sacrifices and expenses in coming to the United States, as to compensate him for his services to them during the late war, (pursuant to the conference between him and a committee of Congress in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, set forth in the documents accompanying his memorial,) there be allowed to the said Frederick William de Steuben,

The pay and other emoluments of Major General and Inspector General, specified in the several acts of Congress relating to him, from the tenth day of March, in the year

And — thousand acres of land in the Western Territory of the United States, to be located in such manner as shall be hereafter prescribed by law: *Provided*, That the foregoing allowances shall not be construed to include either half-pay, or the commutation for half-pay:

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith, of *Maryland*,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson.

Daniel Huger,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison, Jr.
John Page,
Thomas Scott,
William Smith, *of S. Carolina.*
John Vining, and
Henry Wynkoop.

That, in order to make full and adequate compensation to Frederick William de Steuben, as well for the sacrifices and eminent services made and rendered to the United States during the late war, as for the commutation or half pay, promised by the resolutions of Congress, there be paid to the said Frederick William de Steuben the sum of seven thousand dollars, in addition to the moneys already received by him, and also an annuity of — dollars during life, to commence on the first of January last, to be paid in quarterly payments, at the Treasury of the United States; which several sums shall be considered in full discharge of all claims and demands whatever of the said Frederick William de Steuben against the United States.

And then the said bill, being further amended at the Clerk's table, was, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Ames, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of James Price and John M'Cord, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the memorial of Nathaniel Twining, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Burke, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Vining, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The orders of the day were read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 10.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act to provide for the mitigation or remission of forfeitures and penalties accruing under the revenue laws, in certain cases therein mentioned."

"An act to prescribe the mode in which the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings in each State shall be authenticated, so as to take effect in every other State."

"An act to continue in force an act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled

"An act to regulate processes in the Courts of the United States."

"An act for the government of the territory of the United States South of the river Ohio;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for giving effect to the act therein mentioned in respect to the State of North Carolina, and to amend the said act," with the amendments, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill, with the amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith, and desire their concurrence to the said amendments.

An engrossed bill "for finally adjusting and satisfying the claims of Frederick William de Steuben against the United States," was read the third time.

A motion was made, and the question being put to fill up the blank in the said bill for granting an annuity during life to the said Frederick William de Steuben, with the sum of two thousand seven hundred and six dollars,

It passed in the negative, { Ayes25,
 { Noes30.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Theodorick Bland,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
Isaac Coles,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Elbridge Gerry,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
Daniel Huger,
Benjamin Huntington,

John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison, junior,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Thomas Scott,
William Smith, of South Carolina,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptiste Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Elias Boudinot,
John Brown,
Benjamin Contee,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Samuel Livermore,
George Mathews,

Andrew Moore,
Josiah Parker,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith, of Maryland,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Sturges,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson.

A motion was then made, and the question being put to fill up the said blank with the sum of two thousand dollars,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Ayes 34,
{ Noes 21.

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Theodorick Bland,
Elias Boudinot,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Elbridge Gerry,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
Daniel Huger,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance.

John Babbiste Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
George Mathews,

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 11.

A petition of John Stiller was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill repealing, after the last day of — next, the duties heretofore laid upon wines imported from foreign ports or places, and laying others in their stead; which was received, and read the first time.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering a report of the tonnage duties received in each of the States, between the first day of September and the first day of January last, made pursuant to an order of the House of the fifth instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred so much of the petition of the merchants and traders of the town of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, as prays that Congress will adopt measures to prevent foreigners from carrying the commodities of this continent to any port or place where the citizens of the United States are prohibited from carrying them.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, covering a report, made pursuant to an order of the House, of the twenty-third ultimo, stating an account of the troops, (including the militia) and also of the ordnance stores, furnished from time to time, by the several States, towards the support of the late war; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering a report, made pursuant to an order of the House, of the twenty-third ultimo, stating the sums of money, including indents and paper money of every kind, reduced to specie value, which have been received from, or paid to, the several States, by Congress, from the commencement of the Revolution to the present period; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to some, and disagreed to others, of the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for giving effect to the act therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina, and to amend the said act." And then he withdrew.

The orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12.

A bill repealing, after the last day of — next, the duties heretofore laid upon wines imported from foreign ports or places, and laying others in their stead, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A petition of Abraham Scribner and Thomas Cable was presented to the House and read, praying payment for the hire and value of a vessel, the property of the petitioners, which was impressed into the transport service of the United States, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and taken by the enemy.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House proceeded to re-consider such of their amendments proposed to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for giving effect to the act therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina, and to amend the said act," as were disagreed to by the Senate : Whereupon,

Resolved, That a conference be desired with the Senate on the subject-matter of the said amendments, and that Mr. White, Mr. Steele, Mr. Foster, Mr. Livermore, and Mr. Williamson, be appointed managers at the said conference, on the part of this House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred so much of the petition of the merchants and traders of the town of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, as prays that Congress will adopt measures to prevent foreigners from carrying the commodities of this continent to any port or place where the citizens of the United States are prohibited from carrying them.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the conference desired by this House, on the subject-matter of the amendments to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for giving effect to the act therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina, and to amend the said act," and have appointed managers on their part. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Benson, from the joint committee of both Houses, appointed to consider and report their opinion on the question, "When, according to the Constitution, the terms for which the President, Vice President, Senators, and Representatives, have been respectively chosen, shall be deemed to have commenced;" and also to consider of, and report their opinion on, such other matters as they shall conceive to have relation to this question, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MAY 13.

A petition of sundry persons of the denomination of People called Quakers, in the State of North Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying relief against the operation of an act of the Legislature of the said State, by which they are deprived of the right of pre-emption to certain lands, which they held under the laws thereof.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Heister, Mr. Ashe, and Mr. Gale, that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of Francis Mentges, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Stone, Mr. Wadsworth, and Mr. Page; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Abel Turney was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of invalids, in consideration of a wound received in the service of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred so much of the petition of the merchants and traders of the town of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, as prays that Congress will adopt measures to prevent foreigners from carrying the commodities of this continent to any port or place where the citizens of the United States are prohibited from carrying them.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the Committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Baldwin, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the officers of the late Navy of the United States, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 14.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred so much of the petition of the merchants and traders of the town of Portsmouth, in New Hampshire, as prays that Congress will adopt measures to prevent foreigners from carrying the commodities of this continent to any port or place where the citizens of the United States are prohibited from carrying them.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the tonnage on all foreign built bottoms, belonging to nations not in commercial treaty with the United States, be raised to the sum of one dollar per ton, from and after the first day of January next; and that, from and after the — day of —, the tonnage on all such vessels be raised to —; and that, from and after the — day —, no such vessel be permitted to export from the United States, any unmanufactured article, being the growth or produce thereof: Provided, that this resolution shall not be extended to the vessels of any nation, which permits the importation of fish, other salted provision, grain, and lumber, in vessels of the United States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Madison, Mr. Sedgwick, and Mr. Hartley, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the report of the Joint Committee appointed to consider and report their opinion on the question, "When, according to the Constitution, the terms for which the President, Vice President, Senators, and Representatives, have been respectively chosen, shall be deemed to have commenced?" and also to consider and report their opinion on such other matters as they should conceive to have relation to this question. They have also passed the bill, entitled "An act for the Encouragement of Learning by securing the copy-rights of maps, charts, books, and other writings, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Bland, from the committee to whom was referred a motion of the seventh instant, respecting the arrears of pay due to a part of the troops of the Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina lines, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of sundry persons, citizens of the United States, captured by the Algerines, and now in slavery in Algiers, was presented to the House and read, praying the interposition of Congress in their behalf, and that effectual measures may be adopted for liberating them from slavery, and restoring them to their country.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, an amendatory bill to regulate the trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes; which was received and read the first time.

Mr. White, from the managers appointed on the part of this House, to attend the conference with the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for giving effect to the act therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina, and to amend the said act," made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Silvester, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Jenkins and others, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The orders of the day were read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 17.

An amendatory bill to regulate Trade and Intercourse with the Indian tribes, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill concerning the Navigation and Trade of the United States; which was received and read the first time.

A member, in his place, presented to the House a representation from the commissioners of pilotage in the State of South Carolina; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Jenkins and others: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report be committed to Mr. Silvester, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Tucker, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant thereto.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the managers appointed on the part of this House to attend the conference with the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses, to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for giving effect to the act therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina, and to amend the said act:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do recede from their first amendment, and, in lieu thereof, propose to strike out, in the last line of the third section, the words "And Hillsborough alternately, beginning at the first."

Resolved, That this House do insist on their second amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, books, and other writings, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That the report of the committee appointed to join with a committee of the Senate, to consider and report their opinion on the question, "When, according to the Constitution, the terms for which the President, Vice President, Senators, and Representatives, have been, respectively, chosen, shall be deemed to have commenced?" and, also, to consider of, and report their opinion on, such other matters as they shall conceive to have relation to this question," be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions reported by the committee to whom was referred a motion of the seventh instant, respecting the arrears of pay due to a part of the troops of the Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina lines: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said resolutions, amended to read as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be forthwith transmitted to the Executives of the States of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, a complete list of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of the lines of those States, respectively, who are entitled to receive arrears of pay, due for services in the Army, in the years one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, annexing the particular sum that is due to each individual, with a request to the Executives of the said States, to make known to the claimants, in the most effectual manner, that the said arrears are ready to be discharged on proper application.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause the Secretary of the Treasury to take the necessary steps for paying (within the said States, respectively,) the money appropriated by Congress, on the twenty-ninth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, for the discharging the arrears of pay due to the troops of the lines of the said States respectively.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury, in cases where the payment has not been made to the original claimant, in person, or to his representative, be directed to take order for making the payment to the original claimant, or to such person or persons only as shall produce a power of attorney, duly attested by two justices of the peace,

of the county in which such person or persons reside, authorizing him or them to receive a certain specified sum."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolutions to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

A bill concerning the Navigation and Trade of the United States was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A petition of Mary Catherine Goddard, of the town of Baltimore, was presented to the House and read, praying payment of a claim against the United States. Also,

A memorial of Dominique L. Eglize, praying an augmentation of the pension heretofore granted him, in consideration of imprisonment and sufferings during the late war.

Also, a petition of Richard Phillips, praying payment of a claim against the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions and memorial be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of William Taylor was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed the commutation of full pay in lieu of half pay for life, as an officer in the late Army of the United States. Also,

A petition of Timothy Hosmer, praying to be allowed the depreciation of pay as a surgeon in the hospital of the Eastern department, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of War on the petition of Samuel Carleton, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to confer with a committee of the Senate to consider and report their opinion on the question, "When, according to the Constitution, the terms for which the President, Vice President, Senators, and Representatives, have been, respectively, chosen, shall be deemed to have commenced?" and, also, to consider of, and report their opinion on, such other matters as they shall conceive to have relation to this question."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said report, amended to read as followeth:

"That the terms for which the President, Vice President, Senate, and House of Representatives of the United States, were respectively chosen, did, according to the Constitution, commence on the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine: And so the Senators of the first class, and the Representatives, will not, according to the Constitution, be entitled, by virtue of the same election by which they hold seats in the present Congress, to seats in the next Congress, which will be assembled after the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one: And further, That whenever a vacancy shall happen in the Senate or House of Representatives, and on election to fill such vacancy, the person elected will not, according to the Constitution, be entitled, by virtue of such election, to hold a seat beyond the time for which the Senator or Representative in whose stead such person shall have been elected, would, if the vacancy had not happened, have been entitled to hold a seat.

That it will be advisable for the Congress to pass a law or laws, for determining, agreeable to the provision in the first section of the second article of the Constitution, the time when the electors shall, in the year which will terminate on the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, and so in every fourth year thereafter, be chosen, and the day on which they shall give their votes, for declaring what officer

shall, in case of vacancy, both in the office of President and Vice President, act as President; for assigning a public office, where the lists mentioned in the second paragraph of the first section of the second article of the Constitution, shall, in case of vacancy, in the office of President of the Senate, or his absence from the seat of Government, be in the mean time deposited; and for directing the mode in which such lists shall be transmitted."

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the last paragraph of the said report, and that Mr. Benson, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Carroll, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for the Debt of the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their disagreement to the first amendment proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for giving effect to the act therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina, and to amend the said act," and agree to the said amendment, as amended by this House. They do adhere to their disagreement to the second amendment proposed by this House to the said bill. The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled "An act to prevent bringing goods, wares, and merchandises, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations into the United States, and to authorize a demand of money from the said State," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of War, on the petition of John Rogers, in behalf of himself and others, be discharged from further proceeding thereon; and that the said petition be again referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction further to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to prevent bringing goods, wares, and merchandises, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations into the United States, and to authorize a demand of money from the said State," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday se'nnight.

The House proceeded to re-consider their second amendment proposed to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for giving effect to the act therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina, and to amend the said act," to their disagreement to which the Senate do adhere: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do adhere to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to extend the "act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States," to the State of North Carolina; and a committee was appointed of Mr. Williamson, Mr. Gerry, and Mr. Steele.

Mr. Burke, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Nathaniel Twining, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Stone, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Francis Menges, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of War, on the petition of Henry Emanuel Lutterloh; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Wells and Josiah Hart, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill making provision for the debt of the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for the debt of the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Silvester, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and Company; which was received, and read the first time.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

A bill for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and Company was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for giving effect to an act, entitled "An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" within the State of North Carolina; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for the debt of the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the resolutions of this House, of the seventeenth instant, respecting the arrears of pay due to a part of the troops of the Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina lines, for the years one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 24.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and Company was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and Company."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for giving effect to an act, entitled "An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" within the State of North Carolina, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for giving effect to an act, entitled 'An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States' within the State of North Carolina."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, covering his reports on the several petitions of Wilhelmus Decker, Enos Brown, Henry Carman, John Garnett, John Wilson, Abiel Turney, John Stiller, Jacob Acker, Joel Knapp, Thomas Cole, Barent Martling, and Thomas M'Kinstrey; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of William Hardy and Joseph Bedford was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered to the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of Isaac Spencer, executor of Joseph Spencer, deceased, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of John Wood was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered, and injuries sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the resolutions of this House, of the 17th instant, respecting the arrears of pay due to a part of the troops of the Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina lines: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for the debt of the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 25.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled, "An act for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books, to the Authors and Proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned;" also, an enrolled resolve respecting the arrears of pay due to a part of the troops of the Virginia and North Carolina lines, for the years one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three; and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill and resolve.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and reports from the Secretary of War on the several petitions of Nathan Fuller, Nathaniel Fox, and of Joseph Tucker, Thomas Hollis Condry, Robert Williams, and Samuel Armstrong; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Jacob Bailey was presented to the House and read, praying the settlement of a claim against the United States, and also, to be compensated for services rendered during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for the Debt of the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and agreed to the first twelve sections thereof; with amendments; which they had instructed him now to report, and to pray that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the said bill.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, wait on the President of the United States, and present him with four enrolled bills; one entitled "An act to prescribe the mode in which the Public Acts, Records, and Judicial Proceedings, in each State, shall be authenticated, so as to take effect in every other State;" another, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the Forfeitures and Penalties accruing under the Revenue Laws, in certain cases therein mentioned;" another, entitled "An act to continue in force an act, passed at the last session of Congress, entitled 'An act to regulate Processes in the Courts of the United States;'" and another, entitled "An act for the government of the Territory of the United States South of the river Ohio;" for his approbation.

A petition of sundry merchants of the town of Wilmington, in the State of North Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying relief against the payment of certain duties, which they conceive were unjustly exacted from them, under the operation of a law of the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of John Wood, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The several petitions of Walter Miles, Samuel Garrison, and Christian Wolfe, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying relief in consideration of services rendered, or for losses or injuries sustained, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That such of the reports of the Secretary of War on the petitions of invalid or wounded Officers and Soldiers as lie on the table, be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for the relief of Disabled Soldiers and Seamen.

A petition of John Frederick Amelung, proprietor of a glass manufactory, at New Bremen, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying the patronage of Congress to his undertaking, and that Government will assist him with a loan of money, or other means to further the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Carroll, Mr. Heister, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Gale, and Mr. Vining; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Enos Hitchcock, of the State of Rhode Island, was presented to the House and read, praying that the privilege of a late law may be extended to him, for securing the copy-right of a book which he has lately published, entitled "Memoirs of the Blooms Grove Family."

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Ames, Mr. Benson, and Mr. Boudinot; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of the merchants and traders on North Potomac River, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that the river Wicomico, at Lewellinsburg, may be appointed a Port of Delivery.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to amend the Laws of Revenue.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President has approved of two acts; one, entitled "An act to prescribe the mode in which the Public Acts, Records, and Judicial Proceedings, in each State, shall be authenticated, so as to take effect in every other State;" the other, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the Forfeitures and Penalties accruing under the Revenue Laws, in certain cases therein mentioned;" and affixed his signature to the same this day.

The House proceeded to consider the report made yesterday, by the Committee of the Whole House on the bill making Provision for the Debt of the United States: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said committee be discharged from further proceeding on the said bill.

And then the amendments proposed by the said committee to the first, second, fourth, eighth, and twelfth sections of the said bill, being severally read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The following amendment to the third section being under consideration, to wit:

To the end of the section, add, "Those which shall be issued for the bills of credit, issued by the authority of the United States in Congress assembled, at the rate of one hundred dollars, in the said bills, for one dollar in specie:"

Edanus Burke,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,

Thomas Fitzsimons,
 William Floyd,
 George Gale,
 Samuel Griffin,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Daniel Heister,
 Benjamin Huntington,
 James Jackson,
 John Lawrence,
 Richard Bland Lee,
 James Madison, junior,
 George Mathews,
 Andrew Moore,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 John Page,
 Josiah Parker,

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
 James Schureman,
 Thomas Scott,
 Joshua Sency,
 Roger Sherman,
 Peter Silvester,
 Thomas Sinnickson,
 William Smith, *of Maryland*,
 William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
 John Steel,
 Michael Jenifer Stone,
 Jonathan Sturges,
 Jonathan Trumbull,
 Alexander White,
 Hugh Williamson, and
 Henry Wynkoop.

And then the main question being put, that the House do agree to the amendment to the said third section, as before amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said bill was than further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, MAY 27.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, yesterday, affix his signature to two acts which originated in the Senate; one entitled "An act to continue in force an act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled 'An act to regulate Processes in the Courts of the United States,'" and the other entitled "An act for the Government of the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the bill which lay on the table, making provision for the Debt of the United States; and the same being further amended at the Clerk's table, was, together with the amendments thereto, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations," as followeth:

Strike out, "That the President shall not allow to any Minister Plenipotentiary a greater sum than at the rate of nine thousand dollars per annum, as a compensation for all his personal services and expenses, nor a greater sum for the same, than three thousand dollars, to a Chargé des Affaires; nor a greater sum than one thousand three hundred and fifty dollars for the same, to any of their Secretaries; and that each of the Ministers aforesaid, and their Secretaries, shall be entitled to one quarter's salary, after receiving leave to return, or a recall from the Court to which they may respectively be appointed. And provided, also." Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do disagree to the said amendment, { Ayes18,
 { Noes38.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Lambert Cadwalader,
George Gale,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Huntington,

John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,
Josiah Parker,
George Partridge,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John Vining, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Elias Boudinot,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Daniel Carroll,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Nicholas Gilman,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Huger,
James Jackson,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,

James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steel,
Thomas Sumpter,
George Thatcher,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson,

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for finally adjusting and satisfying the claims of Frederick William de Steuben," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the bill for the government and regulation of seamen in the Merchants' service, be discharged from further proceeding thereon; and that the said bill be committed to Mr. Gilman, Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, and Mr. Parker.

On a motion made and seconded,

"That a committee be appointed to examine into and report the decisions of the several States respectively, upon the Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, heretofore proposed by Congress; and that the committee be authorized to report that other and further amendments to the said Constitution are necessary to be recommended by Congress at present:"

A division of the said motion was called for: Whereupon,

The first part of the said motion, in the words following, to wit: That a committee be appointed to examine into and report the decisions of the several States, respectively, upon the amendments of the Constitution heretofore proposed by Congress," was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The latter part of the said motion, in the words following, to wit: "And that the committee be authorized to report what other and further amendments to the said Constitution, are necessary to be recommended by Congress at present," was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Steele, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Contee, be appointed a committee pursuant to the first part of the said motion.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 28.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, wait on the President of the United States, and present him with an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies,

during the times therein mentioned;" also, an enrolled resolve, respecting the arrears of pay due to a part of the troops of the Virginia and North Carolina lines, for the years one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, for his approbation.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do agree to certain resolutions making provision for the payment of the debts of the individual States,

Ordered, That the said resolutions be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday se'nnight.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for finally adjusting and satisfying the claims of Frederick William de Steuben;" which are as follow:

Line third. Strike out the words "*as well.*"

Lines fourth and fifth. Strike out the words "*as for the commutation or half pay promised by the resolutions of Congress.*"

Line sixth. Strike out the words "*the sum of seven thousand dollars, in addition to the moneys already received by him, and also.*"

Line seventh. After the word "*thousand,*" insert "*five hundred.*"

Whereupon,

The first, second, and third amendments, were, on the question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The last amendment, to insert the words "*five hundred,*" in addition to the sum of two thousand dollars, being the amount of the annuity proposed to be granted by the said bill, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House: Ayes 32, Noes 25.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Amcs,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Edanus Burke,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
George Gale,
Elbridge Gerry,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
Daniel Huger,

Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,
Samuel Livermore,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, of South Carolina,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining,
Alexander White, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Abiel Foster,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
James Jackson,
George Leonard,
George Mathews,

George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Joshua Seney
Roger Sherman,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Sturges,
Thomas Sumpter,
George Thatcher, and
Hugh Williamson.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Nathaniel Twining: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the penalty incurred by Nathaniel Twining, in consequence of the failure of his contract, as executed with the late Postmaster General, for transporting

the mail by means of carriages, from Georgetown to Charleston, and from thence to Savannah, from the month of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, until the first of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, be remitted; and that he be allowed, out of the Treasury of the United States, the sum of five hundred and sixty-seven dollars, and forty-one cents; and also, the additional sum of eight dollars, for having transported the mail from the Head of Elk to Philadelphia, after the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, as appears by sufficient vouchers.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant to the said resolution:

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Burke, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Vining.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the act for establishing the salaries of the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks;" also, the bill, entitled "An act for giving effect to an act, entitled "An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" within the State of North Carolina." And they do insist on their amendment disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to re-consider the amendment proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations:" Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the House do recede from their disagreement to the said amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Ayes..... 16,
 { Noes..... 37.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Lambert Cadwalader,
George Clymer,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,

Richard Bland Lee,
Josiah Parker,
George Partridge,
William Smith, of *South Carolina*,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John Vining, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Edanus Burke,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Nicholas Gilman,
Jonathan Grout,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Huger,
James Jackson,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,

George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
John Page,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Thomas Scott,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith, of *Maryland*,
John Steele,
Jonathan Sturges,
Thomas Sumpter,
George Thatcher,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson.

Resolved, That this House do insist on their disagreement to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

**Isaac Coles,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,**

Elbridge Gerry,
Benjamin Goodhue,
John Hathorn,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,

Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Sency,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, *of Maryland*,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull, and
Thomas Tudor Tucker.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Lambert Cadwalader,
George Clymer,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Samuel Griffin,
Jonathan Grout,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,

James Jackson,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,
Thomas Sumpter,
John Vining,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Whereupon, Mr. Speaker declared himself with those who voted in the negative :

And so the said motion was decided not to be in order.

Another motion was then made and seconded to commit the said original motion to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House; and on the question for commitment,

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was then made and seconded to fill up the blank in the said original motion with the words "the city of New York;" and on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Ayes..... 25,
 { Noes..... 35.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Elias Boudinot,
Edanus Burke,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Huger,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,

Samuel Livermore,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull, and
Thomas Tudor Tucker.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Brown,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,

Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee, "
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue.

Samuel Griffin,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Daniel Heister,
 James Jackson,
 Richard Bland Lee,
 George Leonard,
 James Madison, jun.
 George Mathews,
 Andrew Moore,
 Peter Muhlenburg,
 John Page,
 Josiah Parker,

Thomas Scott,
 Joshua Seney,
 Thomas Sinnickson,
 William Smith, *of Maryland*,
 John Steele,
 Michael Jenifer Stone,
 Thomas Sumpter,
 John Vining,
 Alexander White,
 Hugh Williamson, and
 Henry Wynkoop.

Another motion was then made and seconded to fill up the blank in the said original motion, with the words, "the city of Philadelphia;" to which motion an amendment being moved and seconded to add the words "or Baltimore,"

It passed in the negative, { Ayes22,
 { Noes38.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Egbert Benson,
 Timothy Bloodworth,
 Edanus Burke,
 William Floyd,
 Elbridge Gerry,
 Jonathan Grout,
 John Hathorn,
 Daniel Huger,
 James Jackson,
 John Lawrance,
 George Partridge,

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
 Joshua Seney,
 Peter Silvester,
 William Smith, *of Maryland*,
 William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
 Michael Jenifer Stone,
 Jonathan Sturges,
 Thomas Sumpter,
 George Thatcher,
 Jonathan Trumbull, and
 Thomas Tudor Tucker.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 John Baptist Ashe,
 Abraham Baldwin,
 Elias Boudinot,
 John Brown,
 Lambert Cadwalader,
 Daniel Carroll,
 George Clymer,
 Isaac Coles,
 Benjamin Contee,
 Thomas Fitzsimons,
 Abiel Foster,
 George Gale,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Benjamin Goodhue,
 Samuel Griffin,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Daniel Heister,
 Benjamin Huntington,

Richard Bland Lee,
 George Leonard,
 Samuel Livermore,
 James Madison, junior,
 George Mathews,
 Andrew Moore,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 John Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 James Schureman,
 Thomas Scott,
 Theodore Sedgwick,
 Roger Sherman,
 Thomas Sinnickson,
 John Steele,
 John Vining,
 Alexander White,
 Hugh Williamson, and
 Henry Wynkoop.

And then the question being put, to fill up the blank in the said original motion, with the words "the city of Philadelphia,"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Ayes.....38,
 { Noes.....22.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
 Abraham Baldwin,
 Elias Boudinot,
 John Brown,

Lambert Cadwalader,
 Daniel Carroll,
 George Clymer,
 Isaac Coles,

Benjamin Contee,
 Thomas Fitzsimons,
 George Gale,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Benjamin Goodhue,
 Samuel Griffin,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Daniel Heister,
 James Jackson,
 Richard Bland Lee,
 George Leonard,
 James Madison, junior,
 George Mathews,
 Andrew Moore,
 Peter Muhlenberg,

John Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 George Partridge,
 Thomas Scott,
 Joshua Seney,
 Thomas Sinnickson,
 William Smith, *of Maryland*,
 John Steele,
 Michael Jenifer Stone,
 Thomas Sumpter,
 George Thatcher,
 John Vining,
 Alexander White,
 Hugh Williamson, and
 Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 Egbert Benson,
 Timothy Bloodworth,
 Edanus Burke,
 William Floyd,
 Abiel Foster,
 Elbridge Gerry,
 Jonathan Grout,
 John Hathorn,
 Daniel Huger,
 Benjamin Huntington,

John Lawrance,
 Samuel Livermore,
 Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
 James Schureman,
 Theodore Sedgwick,
 Roger Sherman,
 Peter Silvester,
 William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
 Jonathan Sturges,
 Jonathan Trumbull, and
 Thomas Tudor Tucker.

The main question being then put, that the House do agree to the said original motion as amended, in the words following, to wit:

“Resolved, That Congress shall meet and hold their next session at the city of Philadelphia,”

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and reports from the Secretary of War on the several petitions of Jacobus Wynkoop, and of John M'Kinsey, James Whayland, Toney Turney, and Cesar Edwards; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President approves of the act, entitled “An act for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned;” and has this day affixed his signature thereto.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate desire a conference with this House on the subject-matter of their amendment disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled “An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations;” and have appointed managers at the said conference on their part. And then he withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the conference desired by the Senate as aforesaid; and that Mr. Gerry, Mr. White, and Mr. Williamson, be appointed managers at the same, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of William Gould was presented to the House and read, praying the settlement of a claim against the United States, from the estate of his deceased father, David Gould, late a senior surgeon in the hospital department.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of War, on the petition of William Hassall ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, as followeth :

UNITED STATES, June 1, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

Having received official information of the accession of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations to the Constitution of the United States, I take the earliest opportunity of communicating the same to you, with my congratulations on this happy event, which unites under the General Government all the States which were originally confederated ; and have directed my Secretary to lay before you a copy of the letter from the President of the Convention of the State of Rhode Island to the President of the United States.

G. WASHINGTON.

The House being informed that Theodorick Bland, one of the members for the State of Virginia, died this morning :

Ordered, That such of the members of the said State as are now present, be appointed a committee to take order for superintending the funeral of the said Theodorick Bland, and that this House will attend the same.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations ; and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Benson, and Mr. Tucker, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from further proceeding on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled “ An act to prevent bringing goods, wares, and merchandises, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations into the United States ; and to authorize a demand of money from the said State.”

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled “ An act for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and Company.” And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of John M'Cord : Whereupon,

Resolved, That there be paid to the said John M'Cord the sum of one thousand dollars, in full for all claims, either of rations or lands, as a Canadian sufferer or refugee.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Ames, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Boudinot, do prepare and bring in the same.

On a motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That all treaties made, or which shall be made and promulged under the authority of the United States, shall, from time to time, be published and annexed to their code of laws by the Secretary of State.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2.

An engrossed bill making provision for the payment of the debts of the United States was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, “ An act making provision for the debt of the United States.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Frederick Amelung, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to satisfy the claims of John M'Cord against the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of this House, from a sincere desire of shewing every mark of respect due to the memory of Theodorick Bland, deceased, late a member thereof, will go in mourning for him one month, by the usual mode of wearing a crape round the left arm.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and individual States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations; which was received, and read the first time.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

A bill to satisfy the claims of John M'Cord against the United States, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A bill for giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the resolution for the publication of treaties made under the authority of the United States. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee on the petition of John Frederick Amelung : Whereupon, the resolution reported by the said committee, in the words following, to wit : "That the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States be authorized to make a loan, not exceeding eight thousand dollars, to the said John Frederick Amelung, he giving satisfactory security for the reimbursement of the same within — years," was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

Mr. Burke, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Nathaniel Twining in certain cases; which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation three enrolled bills; one entitled "An act for finally adjusting and satisfying the claims of Frederick William de Steuben;" another entitled "An act for giving effect to an act, entitled 'An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States' within the State of North Carolina;" and another entitled "An act supplemental to the act for establishing the salaries of the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks:" Also, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and Company," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

An engrossed bill for giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to satisfy the claims of John M'Cord against the United States, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act to satisfy the claims of John M'Cord against the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Jacob Smith was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States during the late war, which have disabled him from procuring a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A bill for the relief of Nathaniel Twining in certain cases, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to Mr. Burke, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Vining.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from further proceeding thereon, and that the said bill do lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President approves of the following acts: One entitled "An act for finally adjusting and satisfying the claims of Frederick William de Steuben;" another entitled "An act for giving effect to an act, entitled 'An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States' within the State of North Carolina;" and another entitled "An act supplemental to the act for establishing the salaries of the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks;" and did this day affix his signature thereto.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for giving effect to an act, entitled "An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States," within the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations; which was received, and read the first time.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, JUNE 7.

A bill for giving effect to an act, entitled "An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" within the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did this day approve and sign the resolutions respecting the arrears of pay due to a part of the troops of the Virginia and North Carolina lines for the years one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

The House proceeded to consider the bill to provide for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States; and the same being further amended at the Clerk's table, was, together with the amendments, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Livermore, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill for regulating the Post Office of the United States, presented, according to order, an amendatory bill to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for giving effect to an act "providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," in respect to the State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations; which was received, and read the first time.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

An engrossed bill for giving effect to an act, entitled "An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States," within the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for giving effect to an act, entitled 'An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States,' within the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A bill for giving effect to an act "providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," in respect to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to Mr. Williamson, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Baldwin, with instruction to insert a clause or clauses to provide for administering the necessary oaths for more effectually procuring a full census of the inhabitants of the United States.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to join with a committee of the Senate, to be appointed for the purpose, to consider of and report when it will be convenient and proper that an adjournment of the present Congress should take place, and consider and report such business, now before Congress, necessary to be finished before the adjournment, and such as may be conveniently postponed; and also to consider and report such matters, not now before Congress, but which it will be necessary should be considered and determined by Congress, before an adjournment.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Hartley.

The House proceeded to consider the bill to provide for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States, which lay on the table; and the same being further amended at the Clerk's table, was, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate disagree to the resolution of this House of the thirty-first ultimo, "That Congress shall meet and hold their next session at the city of Philadelphia." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Burke, from the committee to whom was committed the bill for the relief of Nathaniel Twining in certain cases, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for repealing, after the last day of — next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead, and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

An engrossed bill to provide for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States, was read the third time, and ordered to be committed to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Wadsworth, and Mr. Madison.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment; and the same being read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill repealing, after the last day of — next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead, and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Sherman, from the committee appointed to consider and report whether any, and what, additional rules are necessary for regulating the proceedings of this House; and also, to confer with a committee of the Senate, to consider and report whether any, and what, further regulations are necessary for conducting the business between the two Houses, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations;" also, an enrolled resolve for the Publication of Treaties, made under the authority of the United States; and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill and resolve.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Stephen Moore; which were read, and ordered to be committed to Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Steele, and Mr. Brown.

A petition of Stephen Steele, of the city of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim against the United States. Also,

A petition of the Tanners in and near the city of Philadelphia, praying that so much of the act, entitled "An act for laying a Duty on Goods, Wares, and Merchandises, imported into the United States," as exempts raw hides from impost, may be explained and amended.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

“Resolved, That, when the two Houses shall adjourn to close the present session, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives do adjourn their respective Houses to meet and hold their next session in the city of Philadelphia:”

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
Joshua Seney,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith, *of Maryland*,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
John Vining,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Samuel Livermore,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, *of Maryland*,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Brown,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,

James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
Joshua Seney,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
John Vining,
Alexander White
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Another motion was then made and seconded, to amend the said original motion by striking out the words "city of Philadelphia," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "town of Baltimore;" and the said motion being under debate, an adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the report of the joint committee appointed to consider and report whether any, and what, further regulations are necessary for conducting the business between the two Houses. And then he withdrew.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do now, according to the order of the day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon Distilled Spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead, and also upon Spirits distilled within the United States, as well as to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote Agriculture, as to provide for the Support of the Public Credit, and for the Common Defence and General Welfare:

It passed in the negative, { Ayes 26,
 { Noes 31.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Edanus Burke,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Eldridge Gerry,
Benjamin Goodhue,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Huger,
Benjamin Huntington,
James Jackson,
John Lawrance,

George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, *of Maryland*,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,

George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,

Samuel Griffin,
Jonathan Grout,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,

**Thomas Scott,
Joshua Seney,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
John Vining,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.**

A motion being then made and seconded that the House do now proceed to take into consideration the resolution which was under discussion yesterday, respecting the adjournment of Congress to the city of Philadelphia,

It was resolved in the affirmative: Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded, to amend the said resolution by striking out the words "city of Philadelphia," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "town of Baltimore;" and the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Ayes 31.
 { Noes 28.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Edanus Burke,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Huger,
Benjamin Huntington,
James Jackson,
John Lawrance,
John Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,

George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, *of Maryland*,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Sturges,
Thomas Sumpter,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Brown,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister.

Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steel,
John Vining,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

The main question being then put, that the House do agree to the said resolution, amended to read as followeth:

“*Resolved*, That, when the two Houses shall adjourn to close the present session, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives do adjourn their respective Houses to meet and hold their next session at the town of Baltimore.”

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Ayes53,
{ Noes 6.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Egbert Benson,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
George Gale,
Elbridge Gerry,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,
Jonathan Grout,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Heister,
Daniel Huger,
Benjamin Huntington,
James Jackson,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,

Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith, of *Maryland*,
William Smith, of *South Carolina*,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Sturges,
Thomas Sumpter,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
Alexander White.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Thomas Fitzsimons,
Nicholas Gilman,
James Schureman,

Thomas Tudor Tucker,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate and desire their concurrence.

A message in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, June 11, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have directed my Secretary to lay before you a copy of the ratification of the amendments to the Constitution of the United States, by the State of North Carolina, together with an extract from a letter accompanying said ratification, from the Governor of the State of North Carolina to the President of the United States.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The papers accompanying the said message were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, JUNE 14.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was committed the bill for the relief of Nathaniel Twining, in certain cases; and the said bill being amended at the Clerk's table, was, together with the amendment, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on Friday last, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, two enrolled bills; one entitled "An act for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations;" the other, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and Company;" also, an enrolled resolve for the publication of treaties made, or to be made, under the authority of the United States.

Ordered, That the petition of Stephen Steele, which was presented on Thursday last, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of the tanners in and near the city of Philadelphia, which lay on the table, be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to amend the several laws for the Collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts; one entitled "An act for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations;" the other, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and Company;" also, a resolve for the publication of treaties made, or to be made, under the authority of the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; also, upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report when the House should think proper to receive the same.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do now proceed to take the said amendments into consideration,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Ayes30,
 { Noes24.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Brown,
Lambert Cadwalader,
George Clymer,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,

Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
James Schureman,
Joshua Sency,
Roger Sherman,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith, of Maryland,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
John Vining,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Aines,
 Timothy Bloodworth,
 Elias Boudinot,
 Edanus Burke,
 Isaac Coles,
 Elbridge Gerry,
 Benjamin Goodhue,
 Jonathan Grout,
 Daniel Huger,
 John Lawrance,
 George Leonard,
 John Page,

Josiah Parker,
 George Partridge,
 Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
 Theodore Sedgwick,
 Peter Silvester,
 William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
 John Steele,
 Jonathan Sturges,
 George Thatcher,
 Jonathan Trumbull,
 Thomas Tudor Tucker, and
 Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Whereupon,

The said amendments were severally read at the Clerk's table; and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for giving effect to an act, entitled 'An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States,' within the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment; and the same being read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Nathaniel Twining, in certain cases, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act for the relief of Nathaniel Twining."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Lawrance, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the purchase of a tract of land for the use of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for giving effect to an act, entitled 'An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States,' within the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A bill to authorize the purchase of a tract of land for the use of the United States, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A petition of Hannah Douglass, widow of William Douglass, deceased, late a colone in the Army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that the provision directed by a resolve of Congress to be made for widows of officers who died in the service, may be granted to her.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Adam Caldwell was presented to the House and read, praying relief against an imprisonment under which he is now suffering for a violation of the laws of trade of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, and partly considered.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

Another member from North Carolina, to wit: John Sevier, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, June 16, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

The ratification of the Constitution of the United States of America by the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was received by me last night, together with a letter to the President of the United States from the President of the Convention.

I have directed my Secretary to lay before you a copy of each.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The letter and papers accompanying the said message were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17.

An engrossed bill to authorize the purchase of a tract of land for the use of the United States was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the purchase of a tract of land for the use of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to consider whether any, and what, fees, perquisites, or other emoluments, shall be annexed to the offices of Consul and Vice Consul.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Gerry, Mr. Boudinot, and Mr. Huntington.

Ordered, That the petition of Adam Caldwell, which was presented yesterday, be referred to Mr. Vining, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Sevier, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant to the prayer thereof.

A petition of William Peery, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim against the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee to whom was committed the engrossed bill to provide for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States, reported an amendatory bill; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee to whom was committed the bill for the Government and Regulation of Seamen in the Merchants' Service, reported sundry amendments thereto; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported yesterday by the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States; and the same being severally read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow. And then the House adjourned.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18.

The petitions of John Chappel and Ely Gladhill were presented to the House and read, respectively praying relief in consideration of wounds and injuries sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Mary M'Cullen, widow of James M'Cullen, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the settlement of a claim against the United States, from the estate of her deceased husband.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of John Foster was presented to the House and read, praying a grant of lands, or other relief, in consideration of losses and injuries sustained during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

On motion,

The House proceeded to consider the bill which lay on the table, for repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also, upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare: Whereupon,

A motion being made and seconded, to amend the said bill by striking out the twelfth and thirteenth sections, and also, 'such other parts thereof as impose an excise duty on all spirits distilled within the United States:

It passed in the negative,

{ Ayes	19,
{ Noes	\$5.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Edanus Burke,
Isaac Coles,
Elbridge Gerry
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,

**Jonathan Grout,
Daneil Heister,
Daniel Huger,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg.**

Richard Bland Lee,
Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,

Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith, *of Maryland*,
John Vining,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Egbert Benson,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Edanus Burke,
Isaac Coles,
Elbridge Gerry,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Huger,
Benjamin Huntington,
James Jackson,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,

John Page,
Josiah Parker,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John Sevier,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Sturges,
Thomas Sumpter,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

And so the said bill was rejected.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to report a plan making provision for the payment of interest on the debts of the United States; and

A committee was appointed, of Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Madison, Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Tucker.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, to join with the committee appointed by this House, to consider and report when it will be convenient and proper that an adjournment of the present Session of Congress should take place, pursuant to the resolution of this House of the eighth instant. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to satisfy the claims of John M'Cord against the United States," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

A motion being then made and seconded further to amend the said bill by striking out, in the fifth section, the words, "the rule for apportioning to the States the expenses of the war shall be the same that is prescribed by the Constitution of the United States for the apportionment of representation and direct taxes, and according to the first enumeration which shall be made:"

It passed in the negative, { Ayes 10,
 { Noes 45.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Nicholas Gilman,

John Hathorn,
James Jackson,
John Lawrance,
Samuel Livermore, and
Theodore Sedgwick.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Elias Boudinot,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,
Jonatnan Grout,
Daniel Heister,
Daniel Huger,
Benjamin Huntington,
George Leonard,
James Madison, Junior,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,

George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Thomas Scott,
Joshua Seney,
John Sevier,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith, of *Maryland*,
William Smith, of *South Carolina*,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Sturges,
Thomas Sumpter,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

An engrossed bill to provide for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for giving effect to an act, entitled 'An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States,' within the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations."

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill imposing Duties on the Tonnage of Ships or Vessels; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and reports from the Secretary of War on the several petitions of John Rogers, Pattin Jackson, James Delaplaine, Jacob Smith, Thomas M'Fall, and Benjamin Keefe; also, a statement respecting sundry petitions transmitted to him by the Governor of Virginia; which reports and statement were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of War on the petition of the representative of David Gould, deceased: Whereupon,

Resolved, That provision ought to be made for paying to such of the orphan children of the late Doctor David Gould, who died in service during the late war, as were living at the time of his death, or their legal representatives, the sum of one thousand six hundred and eighty dollars, being the amount of the half pay of a Captain for seven years, the same being the ratio established as the half pay of a surgeon, by the resolves of Congress of the seventeenth of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

William Smith, of *South Carolina*,
John Steele,
Jonathan Trumbull,

Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
Alexander White.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23.

An engrossed bill to regulate Trade and Intercourse with the Indian Tribes, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act to regulate Trade and Intercourse with the Indian Tribes.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Seney, from the committee appointed, presented according to order, a bill to satisfy the claim of the representatives of David Gould, deceased, against the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. Gerry, from the committee appointed to report a catalogue of books necessary for the use of Congress, together with an estimate of the expense thereof, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Archibald Crary, of East Greenwich, in the State of Rhode Island, in behalf of himself and the officers and soldiers of the late Rhode Island Brigade, was presented to the House and read, praying that the same pay and allowances may be granted them, as to other officers and soldiers in the service of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That John Stone, who presented a petition to this House on the fifteenth of February last, have leave to withdraw the same.

A petition of Elias Hasket Derby was presented to the House and read, praying further time or other relief, in the payment of duties accruing on a cargo of teas imported from China by the petitioner.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did this day approve and sign the act, entitled "An act for giving effect to an act, entitled 'An act to establish the judicial courts of the United States,' within the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill imposing duties on the tonnage of ships or vessels.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and reports from the Secretary of War on the petitions of Caleb Brewster and Joseph Ransom which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Cowenhoven and others: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition and report be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede in part from their amendment disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations," and have agreed to a further amendment to the said bill, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24.

An engrossed bill imposing Duties on the Tonnage of Ships or Vessels, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act imposing Duties on the Tonnage of Ships or Vessels."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A bill to satisfy the claim of the representatives of David Gould, deceased, against the United States, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the petition of Elias Hasket Derby, which was presented yesterday, be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Smith, (of Maryland); that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petition of Abraham Van Alstine, which was presented the eighteenth of March last, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the officers of the late Navy of the United States: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said report be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report, as the opinion of the committee, that the said report be disagreed to: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the said report, and that the said memorial of the officers of the late Navy of the United States, be rejected.

A petition of John Brandon was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim against the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Gerry, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to attend the conference with the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses, to the bill, entitled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and Foreign Nations," made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25.

An engrossed bill to satisfy the claim of the representatives of David Gould, deceased, against the United States, was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to satisfy the claim of the Representatives of David Gould, deceased, against the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and reports from the Secretary of War, on the several petitions of Timothy Hosmer, John Chappel, Ely Gladhill, James Derry, and Benjamin Hardison, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Sarah Stirling, widow of the late Earl of Stirling, was presented to the House and read, praying to receive the allowance of seven years half pay due to her deceased husband, as a Major General in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments last proposed on the part of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing the means of Intercourse between the United States and Foreign Nations:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said amendments, with the following amendments, to wit:

Line ninth, strike out the word "person," and in lieu thereof insert "the Minister Plenipotentiary or Chargé des Affaires."

Line nineteenth, strike out "*any of their Secretaries*," and in lieu thereof insert "the Secretary of any Minister Plenipotentiary."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith, and desire their concurrence to the said amendments.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee to whom was committed the bill for the Government and Regulation of Seamen in the Merchants' service; and the said amendments being severally twice read at the Clerk's table, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill concerning the Trade and Navigation of the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the amendments proposed by this House to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act providing the means of Intercourse between the United States and Foreign Nations:" The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nathaniel Twining." And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Samuel Meredith, Treasurer of the United States, together with a statement of his accounts of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys from the first of January to the thirty-first of March last; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, JUNE 28.

An engrossed bill for the Government and Regulation of Seamen in the Merchants' Service, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the Government and Regulation of Seamen in the Merchants' Service."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and reports from the Secretary of War on the several petitions of Christian Wolfe, Samuel Garretson, Catharine Wheelan, John F. Vacher, Walter Miles, William Taylor, Ichabod Spencer, Stephen Guyer, Rufus Hamilton, and Lewis I. Costigin; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the committee appointed to join with a committee of the Senate, to consider and report when it will be convenient and proper that an adjournment of the present session of Congress should take place, and to consider and report such business now before Congress necessary to be finished before the adjournment, and such as may be conveniently postponed; and, also, to consider and report such matters not now before Congress, but which it will be necessary should be considered and determined by Congress before an adjournment, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Clymer, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Barclay, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the Committee to whom was committed the bill for giving effect to an act, entitled "An act providing for the Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States," in respect to the State of Rhode

Island and Providence Plantations;" and the said amendments being severally twice read at the Clerk's table, were disagreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Elias Hasket Derby, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the resolution of Congress of the seventeenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, respecting the lands reserved for the Virginia troops on Continental and State establishments, pursuant to the cession made by the said State to the United States of the Territory Northwest of the River Ohio, ought to be repealed.

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to Mr. Brown, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. White, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Benson, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for carrying into effect the reservations contained in the deed of cession made by the State of Virginia to the United States of the Territory Northwest of the River Ohio.

The House proceeded to consider the reports of the Secretary of War on the petitions of James Derry, Benjamin Hardison, Christian Wolfe, Samuel Garretson, and Caleb Brewster: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Army Accounts be authorized to settle the accounts of pay of the said James Derry and Benjamin Hardison, and to issue his certificates for the same in conformity to the reports of the said Secretary of War; and that the said Caleb Brewster, Christian Wolfe, and Samuel Garretson, respectively, be placed on the list of pensioners, from the time, and in the manner also reported by the said Secretary.

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for the Relief of Disabled Soldiers and Seamen, that they do insert a clause or clauses pursuant to the said resolution.

A petition of the Inspectors of dutiable articles at the ports of Boston and Charlestown, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, complaining of the insufficiency of the fees allowed by law for their services, and praying a farther compensation for the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to amend the Laws of Revenue.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Francis Menges, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial of Louis Pierre Lombart de la Neuville, Brigadier General of the late Army of the United States, and Lieutenant Colonel in the service of his Most Christian Majesty, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for military services rendered during the late war.

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

The orders of the day were read, and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29.

An engrossed bill for giving effect to an act providing for the Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States, in respect to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for giving effect to an act, entitled 'An act providing for the Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States,' in respect to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Gilman, from the Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined three enrolled bills, one entitled "An act Providing the Means of Intercourse between the United States and Foreign Nations;" another entitled "An act to satisfy the Claims of John M'Cord against the United States;" and another, entitled "An act

for the Relief of Nathaniel Twining;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Purchase of a Tract of Land for the use of the United States." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed to report a plan making provision for the payment of interest on the debts of the United States, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Elias Hasket Derby: Whereupon,

Resolved, That, for the duty on all teas which have been imported from China in the present year, or which shall hereafter be imported, it shall be at the option of the importer either to deposit such teas with the officers of the customs where the same shall be entered, or to give bond therefor, with sureties to the satisfaction of the officer, payable at the expiration of twelve months from the time of entry. *Provided*, That where the teas shall be deposited as aforesaid, they shall be kept at the risk and expense of the importer, who shall pay the duties thereon as the same shall be delivered: *And provided*, That, if the whole of the duties shall not be paid within eighteen months, the officer with whom such tea is deposited shall dispose of the same, or so much thereof, at public auction, as may be sufficient to pay the duties.

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to amend the Laws of Revenue.

A petition of Jacob Rash, of Lenox, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that duplicates may be granted him of certain certificates of final settlement, amounting to two hundred and sixty-five dollars, the property of the petitioner, which were destroyed by fire, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty five.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On a motion made and seconded, that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from further proceeding on the bill concerning the Trade and Navigation of the United States,

It passed in the negative.

The House then, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Heister, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill further to provide for the Payment of the Invalid Pensioners of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

The orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.

A bill further to provide for the Payment of the Invalid Pensioners of the United States, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, three enrolled bills, one entitled "An act providing the Means of Inter-course between the United States and Foreign Nations;" another, entitled "An act to satisfy the claims of John M'Cord against the United States;" and another, entitled "An act for the relief of Nathaniel Twining."

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill concerning the Trade and Navigation of the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, as followeth :

UNITED STATES, *June 30th*, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

An act of the Legislature of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations for ratifying certain articles as amendments to the Constitution of the United States, was yesterday put into my hands, and I have directed my Secretary to lay a copy of the same before you.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The papers accompanying the said message were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Thomas Ruston, in behalf of the Managers of a cotton manufactory in the City of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying the attention of Congress to that branch of manufacture, and that an additional duty may be laid on the importation of cotton cloths.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee making provision for the payment of interest on the debts of the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, JULY 1.

An engrossed bill further to provide for the Payment of the Invalid Pensioners of the United States, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act further to provide for the Payment of the Invalid Pensioners of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of John Fitch was presented to the House and read, praying that an exclusive right may be granted him to the use of steam to navigation in the United States for a limited time.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill more effectually to provide for the National Defence, by establishing a Uniform Militia throughout the United States ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did this day approve and sign three acts ; one entitled "An act providing the Means of Intercourse between the United States and Foreign Nations ;" another, entitled "An act to satisfy the claims of John M'Cord against the United States ;" and another, entitled "An act for the relief of Nathaniel Twining."

A petition of Peter Anspach, of the City of New York, in behalf of Timothy Picker-

ing, late Quartermaster General of the Armies of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim of the said Timothy Pickering against the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Gerry, from the committee appointed to consider and report whether any, and what, fees, perquisites, or other emoluments shall be annexed to the offices of Consul and Vice Consul, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for giving effect to an act, entitled 'An act providing for the Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States,' in respect to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations." And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and reports from the Secretary of War on the several petitions of John Baylor, Anthony Walton White, and Stephen Steward; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas Barclay: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report be re-committed to Mr. Page, Mr. Clymer, and Mr. Sinnickson.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee making provision for the payment of interest on the debts of the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, JULY 2.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had examined two enrolled bills, one entitled "An act for giving effect to an act, entitled 'An act providing for the Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States,' in respect to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations;" the other, entitled "An act to authorize the Purchase of a Tract of Land for the use of the United States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Jabez Champlin, of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim against the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for establishing the Temporary and Permanent Seat of the Government of the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House making provision for the payment of interest on the debts of the United States: Whereupon,

Resolved, That an addition of thirty-three and one-third cents be made to every one hundred cents of the duties now payable upon goods, wares, and merchandises, imported into the United States.

That, in addition to the foregoing, there be levied and collected upon the following articles,

CENTS.			CENTS.		
Distilled spirits,	-	1 2-3 per gal.	Loaf sugar,	-	1 per lb.
Madeira wine,	-	8	All other sugars,	-	1-2
Other wines,	-	5	Pepper,	-	5
Molasses	-	1-6	Pimento,	-	3
Bohea tea,	-	2 per lb.	Nutmegs,	-	25
Souchong & other black teas,	4	1-2	Mace,	-	25
Hyson tea,	-	5 1-3	Cinnamon,	-	20
Other green teas,	-	4 2-3	Cloves,	-	12 1-2
Coffee,	-	2-3	Cassia,	-	10
Brown sugar,	-	1-6			

Resolved, That, after the ——— day of ———, the discount of ten per cent. of the duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported in ships or vessels, the property of a citizen or citizens of the United States, be discontinued, and that an addition of ten per cent. be made to the duties on goods, wares, or merchandise, imported in any other ship or vessel.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions; and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Sherman, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee appointed to consider and report whether any, and what, fees, perquisites, or other emoluments, shall be annexed to the offices of Consul and Vice-Consul: Whereupon,

Resolved, That it shall and may be lawful for all Consuls and Vice Consuls of the United States, for every protest or deposition, relative to letters of attorney, goods, wares, and merchandise, bills of exchange, and other marine and mercantile affairs and transactions, with a certificate thereof, under their hands and seals, respectively, to receive the sum of ——— dollars.

That citizens of the United States, appointed to reside in foreign ports and places, as Consuls or Vice-Consuls of the United States, shall be enabled to own any ships or vessels in their own names, or in partnership with any other citizen of the United States, residing within the said States, and be entitled to all the privileges and advantages, in respect to such ships or vessels, as if such Consuls or Vice-Consuls, respectively owning said ships or vessels, actually resided within any port or place within the United States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Gerry, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Wadsworth, and Mr. Goodhue, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That it be referred to the said committee, to report a provision, "That, in foreign ports, where the laws of the Kingdom or State make it necessary that vessels should enter by the medium of a Consul, and where the laws of such Kingdom or State have determined that certain fees shall be paid to such Consuls, the Consul of the United States shall be authorized to receive such fees; and also to report what further provision may, in the opinion of the said committee, be necessary for Consuls and Vice-Consuls of the United States.

The House proceeded to consider the reports of the Secretary of War, made yesterday, on the several petitions of John Baylor, Anthony Walton White, and Stephen Steward: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said reports be committed to Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Steele, and Mr. Foster.

Ordered, That Mr. Benson have leave to be absent from the service of this House until this day fortnight.

The orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, JULY 5.

A petition of the persons confined for debt in the gaol of the city and county of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying that a general bankrupt law may be passed, upon such principles as will tend to relieve the petitioners and all others in a similar situation.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of John Stewart and John Davidson, of the city of Annapolis, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that the duty on a quantity of salt imported by the petitioners, and which was casually destroyed in the month of April last, may be remitted to them.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Stone, Mr. Silvester, and Mr. Coles; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow. And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, JULY 6.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the second instant, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation two enrolled bills, one entitled "An act to authorize the purchase of a tract of land for the use of the United States; the other, entitled "An act for giving effect to an act, entitled 'An act providing for the Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States,' in respect to the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for establishing the Temporary and Permanent Seat of the Government of the United States."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign two acts; one entitled "An act for giving effect to an act, entitled 'An act providing for the Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States in respect to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations;'" the other, entitled, "An act to authorize the purchase of a tract of land, for the use of the United States."

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act to satisfy the claim of the representatives of David Gould, deceased, against the United States." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for establishing the Temporary and Permanent Seat of the Government of the United States."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, JULY 8.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of certificates to a Certain description of Invalid Officers" The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act further to provide for the Payment of the Invalid Pensioners of the United States," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee

of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for establishing the Temporary and Permanent Seat of the Government of the United States."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and gone through the same, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to regulate the collection of the Duties imposed by law on Goods, Wares, and Merchandises, imported into the United States, and on the Tonnage of ships or vessels; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to estblish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States," and made some progress therein.

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said amendments be put off until to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, JULY 9.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act further to provide for the Payment of the Invalid Pensioners of the United States," and the same being read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bill, entitled "An act for the Government and Regulation of Seamen in the Merchants' Service," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the establishing the Temporary and Permanent Seat of the Government of the United States," which lay on the table: Whereupon,

A motion being made and seconded to amend the said bill, by striking out, in the first section, the words "Potomac, at some place between the mouths of the Eastern Branch and Connogocheque," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "Delaware, at a place not more than eight miles above, and sixty miles below the Falls thereof."

It passed in the negative, { Ayes22,
 { Noes39.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrence,

George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Jonathan Sturges,
Jonathan Trumbull, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Lambert Cadwalader,

Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,

Nicholas Gilman,
 Samuel Griffin,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Daniel Heister,
 James Jackson,
 Richard Bland Lee,
 James Madison, junior,
 George Mathews,
 Andrew Moore,
 Peter Muhlenburg,
 John Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 Thomas Scott,
 Joshua Seney,

John Sevier,
 Thomas Sinnickson,
 William Smith, *of Maryland*,
 William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
 John Steele,
 Michael Jenifer Stone,
 Thomas Sumpter,
 George Thatcher,
 Thomas Tudor Tucker,
 John Vining,
 Alexander White,
 Hugh Williamson, and
 Henry Wynkoop.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the said bill, by striking out, in the said first section, the words "on the River Potomac, at some place between the mouths of the Eastern Branch and Connogochegue," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "in the State of Pennsylvania, including Germantown:" And, on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Ayes22,
 { Noes39.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 Egbert Benson,
 Elias Boudinot,
 William Floyd,
 Abiel Foster,
 Elbridge Gerry,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Benjamin Goodhue,
 Jonathan Grout,
 John Hathorn,
 Benjamin Huntington,

John Lawrance,
 George Leonard,
 Samuel Livermore,
 George Partridge,
 Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
 James Schureman,
 Theodore Sedgwick,
 Roger Sherman,
 Peter Silvester,
 Jonathan Sturges, and
 Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
 Abraham Baldwin,
 Timothy Bloodworth,
 John Brown,
 Edanus Burke,
 Lambert Cadwalader,
 Daniel Carroll,
 George Clymer,
 Isaac Coles,
 Benjamin Contee,
 Thomas Fitzsimons,
 George Gale,
 Samuel Griffin,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Daniel Heister,
 James Jackson,
 Richard Bland Lee,
 James Madison, junior,
 George Mathews,
 Andrew Moore,

Peter Muhlenberg,
 John Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 Thomas Scott,
 Joshua Seney,
 John Sevier,
 Thomas Sinnickson,
 William Smith, *of Maryland*,
 William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
 John Steele,
 Michael Jenifer Stone,
 Thomas Sumpter,
 George Thatcher,
 Jonathan Trumbull,
 Thomas Tudor Tucker,
 John Vining,
 Alexander White,
 Hugh Williamson, and
 Henry Wynkoop.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the said bill, by striking out, in the said first section, the words "on the River Potomac, at some place between the mouths of the Eastern Branch and Connogochegue," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "between the Rivers Susquehannah and Potomac, at the most healthy and convenient place, having due regard to the navigation of the Atlantic Ocean, and the situation of the Western Territory:" And, on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Ayes25,
 { Noes36.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 Egbert Benson,
 Elias Boudinot,
 William Floyd,
 Abiel Foster,
 Elbridge Gerry,
 Benjamin Goodhue,
 Jonathan Grout,
 John Hathorn,
 Benjamin Huntington,
 John Lawrance,
 George Leonard,
 Samuel Livermore,

George Partridge,
 Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
 James Schureman,
 Theodore Sedgwick,
 Joshua Seney,
 Peter Silvester,
 William Smith, *of Maryland*,
 William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
 Jonathan Sturges,
 George Thatcher,
 Jonathan Trumbull, and
 Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
 Abraham Baldwin,
 Timothy Bloodworth,
 John Brown,
 Edanus Burke,
 Lambert Cadwalader,
 Daniel Carroll,
 George Clymer,
 Isaac Coles,
 Benjamin Contee,
 Thomas Fitzsimons,
 George Gale,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Samuel Griffin,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Daniel Heister,
 James Jackson,
 Richard Bland Lee,

James Madison, junior,
 George Mathews,
 Andrew Moore,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 John Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 Thomas Scott,
 John Sevier,
 Roger Sherman,
 Thomas Sinnickson,
 John Steele,
 Michael Jenifer Stone,
 Thomas Sumpter,
 Thomas Tudor Tucker,
 John Vining,
 Alexander White,
 Hugh Williamson; and
 Henry Wynkoop.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the said bill, by striking out, in the said first section, the words "on the River Potomac, at some place between the mouths of the Eastern Branch and Connogocheque," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "in the State of Maryland, including the town of Baltimore."

A division of the motion was called for; and on the question for striking out in the said first section, the words "on the River Potomac, at some place between the mouths of the Eastern Branch and Connogocheque,"

It passed in the negative, { Ayes26,
 { Noes34.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 Egbert Benson,
 Elias Boudinot,
 William Floyd,
 Abiel Foster,
 Elbridge Gerry,
 Benjamin Goodhue,
 Jonathan Grout,
 John Hathorn,
 Benjamin Huntington,
 John Lawrance,
 George Leonard,
 Samuel Livermore,

George Partridge,
 Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
 James Schureman,
 Theodore Sedgwick,
 Joshua Seney,
 Roger Sherman,
 Peter Silvester,
 William Smith, *of Maryland*,
 William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
 Jonathan Sturges,
 George Thatcher,
 Jonathan Trumbull, and
 Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee.

James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
John Sevier,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

And so the said motion to amend was negatived.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the said bill, by striking out, in the third section, the words "purchase, or," and on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Ayes 26.
{ Noes 35.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,

George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, *of Maryland,*
William Smith, *of South Carolina,*
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee.

James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
John Sevier,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the said bill, by inserting, after the word "purchase," in the third section, the words "with such money only as may be granted to the President of the United States, in the manner herein after provided;" and on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative,	{	Ayes	26.
		Noes	33

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Edanus Burke,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,

George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, *of Maryland*,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Brown,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison, junior,

George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
John Sevier,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the said bill, by adding to the end of the third section the words following: "*Provided*, That the purchases and buildings aforesaid shall not exceed the sum of ——— dollars:" And, on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Ayes 26,
 { Noes 32.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Edanus Burke,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, *of Maryland*,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
John Brown,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,

Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,

Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,

John Sevier,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the said bill, by striking out the fifth section, in the words following, to wit:

"*And be it enacted*, That, prior to the first Monday in December next, all offices attached to the Seat of the Government of the United States, shall be removed to, and until the said first Monday in December, in the year one thousand eight hundred, shall remain at, the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, at which place the session of Congress next ensuing the present shall be held;" and on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Ayes 28,
 { Noes 33.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Elias Boudinot,
Edanus Burke,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,

George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Sylvester,
William Smith, of *Maryland*,
William Smith, of *South Carolina*,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are;

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Brown,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,

James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
John Sevier,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
John Vining,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the said bill, by striking out, in the fifth section, the words "December next," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two;" and on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Ayes 28.
 { Noes 32.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Elias Boudinot,
Edanus Burke,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,

George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, *of Maryland*,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Brown,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,

James Madison, jr.
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
John Sevier,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
John Vining,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the said bill, by striking out, in the fifth section, the word "December," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "May;" and on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Ayes 28,
 { Noes 33.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Elias Boudinot,
Edanus Burke,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,

George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, *of Maryland*,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Brown,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,

Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,

Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker.

Thomas Scott,
John Sevier,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
John Vining,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Another motion was then made and seconded, to amend the said bill, by striking out, in the fifth section, the words, "at which place the session of Congress next ensuing the present shall be held;" and on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative,

{	Ayes	26,
{	Noes	33.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Edanus Burke,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore.

George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, *of Maryland*,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,

James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
John Sevier,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
John Vining,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the said bill, by adding to the end of the fifth section the following proviso, to wit: "*Provided nevertheless, That whenever the President of the United States shall receive authentic information that the public buildings aforesaid are so far completed as to be fit for the reception of both House of Congress, all offices attached to the seat of Government shall be removed thereto, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding;*" and on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Ayes 13,
{ Noes 48.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

**Egbert Benson,
Timothy Bloodworth,
William Floyd,
Elbridge Gerry,
Jonathan Grout,
John Lawrance,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer.**

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Elias Boudinot,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Abiel Foster,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Huntington,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,
George Leonard,

**Joshua Seney,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, of Maryland,
William Smith, of South Carolina,
George Thatcher, and
Thomas Tudor Tucker.**

Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
George Partridge,
James Schureman,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John Sevier,
Roger Sherman,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Sturges,
Thomas Sumpter,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

A motion was then made and seconded that the said bill be read the third time on Monday next; and on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was then made and seconded that the said bill be read the third time to-morrow; and on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made and seconded to adjourn; and on the question thereupon, It passed in the negative.

A motion being then made and seconded that the said bill be now read the third time,

It was resolved in the affirmative: Whereupon,

The said bill was read the third time.

And then the main question being put, that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative,

{	Ayes	32,
	Noes	29.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Aslie,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,

Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
John Sevier,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,

Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
John Vining,

Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Edanus Burke,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,

George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Sency,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, *of Maryland*,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to regulate Trade and Intercourse with the Indian Tribes," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States;" with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, JULY 10.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to regulate Trade and Intercourse with the Indian Tribes;" and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the government and regulation of Seamen in the Merchants' service;" and the same being read, some were agreed to, and others disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States;" and the same being read, some were agreed to, and others disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, JULY 12.

A petition of the Clerks employed in the office of the Paymaster and Commissioner of Army Accounts was presented to the House and read, praying that the salaries granted them by law may be augmented, and made equal to those of the Clerks in other Executive departments of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The petitions of Thomas Hart and Aquila Giles were presented to the House and read, respectively praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim against the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Thaddeus Beebe was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of invalids, in consideration of the loss of his sight, and other injuries, sustained in the service of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Seth Harding was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for sundry services rendered in the Navy of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Sturges, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Burke; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, one entitled "An act further to provide for the payment of the invalid pensioners of the United States;" the other, entitled "An act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the Government of the United States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

It being discovered that a mistake had been made in the message from the Senate on Friday last, respecting the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to regulate Trade and Intercourse with the Indian tribes," whereby an amendment proposed on the part of the Senate, for striking out the fourth section of the said bill, in the words following, to wit:

"SEN. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That a sum, not exceeding ten thousand dollars, be appropriated, out of the moneys arising from duties on imports and tonnage, subject to the orders of the President of the United States, to be laid out in goods and articles of trade, suitable for supplying the wants and necessities of the Indians; and to be vended and retailed to them through the agency of the said superintendents, and persons to be licensed by them for that purpose, in such manner, and conformably to such regulations, as the President of the United States shall establish," had been omitted:

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do disagree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to regulate the collection of the duties imposed on goods wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report, when the House should think proper to receive the same.

Ordered, That the said report be received to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act imposing duties on the tonnage of ships or vessels." The Senate do also recede from their amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act for the government and regulation of seamen, in the merchants' service." They do insist on their third amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act to regulate Trade and Intercourse with the Indian tribes;" and they do also insist on their amendments, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States;" desire a conference with this House, on the subject matter of the said amendments, and have appointed managers at the same on their part. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, JULY 13.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on Monday last, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, two enrolled bills; one entitled "An act further to provide for the payment of the Invalid Pensioners of the United States;" the other, entitled "An act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the Government of the United States."

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, covering his report of a proper plan or plans for establishing uniformity in the currency, weights, and measures, of the United States, made pursuant to the order of this House, of the fifteenth of January last; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, "a bill, making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

The House proceeded to consider the message from the Senate, desiring a conference on the subject matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said conference, and that Mr. Gerry, Mr. Steele, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Vining, and Mr. Burke, be appointed managers at the same, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to re-consider the amendment, disagreed to by this House, and insisted on by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to regulate Trade and Intercourse with the Indian tribes:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do insist on their disagreement to the said amendment, and that a conference be desired with the Senate on the subject-matter thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. Madison, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Moore, be appointed managers at the said conference, on the part of this House.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments made by the Committee of the Whole House to the bill "to regulate the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandises, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels;" which being read, were agreed to.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Thursday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing more effectually for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States," and made some progress therein.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14.

A petition of Lemuel Sherman was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered during the late war.

Also, a petition Joseph Pannil, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions, together with the petition of Jeremiah Ocain, which was presented on the eleventh of March last, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The several petitions of John R. Livingston, Philip Verplank, and Peter Pray Van Zandt, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim against the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instructions to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A bill making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the conference desired by this House, on the subject-matter of the amendment, depending between the two Houses, to the bill, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes," and have appointed managers at the same on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do disagree to all the said amendments, and desire a conference with the Senate, on the subject-matter thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Williamson, be appointed managers at the said conference, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to amend the act "for the establishment and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and

public piers;" and a committee was appointed, of Mr. Smith, (of South Carolina) Mr. Sinnickson, and Mr. Foster.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Donald Campbell; and the resolution reported by the said committee, in the words following, to wit: That there be allowed to Donald Campbell, late a Deputy Quartermaster General in the American Army, two and a half per cent. in addition to the two and a half per cent. which has been already allowed to him as a commission, on the purchase and distribution of clothing to the troops in Canada, by order of General Schuyler," was, on the question put thereon, disagreed to by the House.

A motion was then made and seconded that the House do agree to the following resolution:

Resolved, That Donald Campbell is entitled to the pay, subsistence, and forage, of a Colonel in the Army of the United States, from the date of his commission, until the ——— day of ———, and that he also, during the said time, is entitled to the pay, subsistence, and forage, allowed, during the said time, to a Deputy Quartermaster General in a separate department."

And on the question thereupon, it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the petition of the said Donald Campbell be rejected.

Mr. Stone, from the committee to whom was re-committed the petition of Francis Mentges, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the memorial of Louis Pierre Lombart de la Neuville, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the memorialist have leave to withdraw his said memorial.

Mr. Smith, (of South Carolina,) from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act "for the establishment and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petition of the Clerks employed in the office of the Paymaster General and Commissioner of Army Accounts, which was presented yesterday, be referred to Mr. Vining, Mr. Heister, and Mr. Gilman; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JULY 15.

An engrossed "bill to amend the act for the establishment and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend the act for the establishment and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the conference desired by this House on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses, to the bill, entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the Settlement of the Accounts between the United States and the individual States," and have appointed managers at the same on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Joint Committee of the two Houses, appointed to consider, and report their opinion, when it will be convenient and proper that an adjournment of the present Session of Congress should take place: Whereupon,

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the business now depending before the two Houses may be finished by Tuesday, the twenty-seventh instant; and that it will be convenient and proper that an adjournment of the present Session of Congress should take place on that day.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Brown, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to enable the Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment, to ob-

tain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Gerry, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, an amendatory bill for establishing the fees and perquisites to be received by Consuls and Vice-Consuls of the United States in foreign parts, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making further provision for the Payment of the Debts of the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JULY 16.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the act, entitled "An act further to provide for the payment of the Invalid Pensioners of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of John F. Amelung, proprietor of the glass manufactory in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying a grant of land, or other encouragement, to enable him to extend his undertaking upon a plan which shall be equal to the supply of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the bill making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States, which lay on the table; and the said bill being amended at the Clerk's table, was, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed and read the third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, affix his signature to an act which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for establishing the temporary and permanent Seat of the Government of the United States." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Baldwin, from the committee to whom were referred the reports of the Secretary of War, on the petitions of John Baylor, Anthony Walton White, and Stephen Steward, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Disabled Soldiers and Seamen, and of certain other persons, lately in the service of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

A petition of William Gordon was presented to the House and read, praying the settlement of a claim against the United States, which is due to the estate of John White, deceased, on which the petitioner has administered: Whereupon,

A motion being made and seconded that the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury,

It passed in the negative.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, JULY 17.

A petition of Simon Wilmer Wilson, of Kent county, in the State of Delaware, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim against the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act providing for holding a treaty or treaties to establish peace with certain Indian tribes," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment, and, the same being read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Heister, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of citizens of the State of North Carolina, called Dunkards, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill to regulate the Collection of the Duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide more effectually for the Collection of the Duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had examined two enrolled bills, one entitled "An act for the Government and Regulation of Seamen in the Merchants' Service;" the other entitled "An act imposing Duties on the Tonnage of Ships or Vessels;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Abraham Hunt, late Captain in the first Massachusetts' regiment, on continental establishment, was presented to the House and read, praying to receive the commutation of five years' full pay, in lieu of half pay, in consideration of military services rendered during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Vining, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the Clerks in the Office of the Paymaster-General and Commissioner of Army Accounts, made a report; which was twice read at the Clerk's table, amended, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the Clerks in the Office of the Commissioner of Army Accounts are entitled to receive for their services, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be paid in the same manner, and at the same rate, as the salary allowed to the Clerks in the Department of the Treasury; and that the Auditor and Comptroller be authorized to adjust the accounts of the Clerks in the said office, upon the same principles as those of the Treasury Department, agreeably to the appropriation by law.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, one entitled "An act for the Government and Regulation of Seamen in the Merchants' Service," the other entitled "An act imposing Duties on the Tonnage of Ships or Vessels."

"A bill for the relief of Disabled Soldiers and Seamen, and of certain other persons, lately in the service of the United States," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JULY 19.

An engrossed bill further to provide for the Payment of the Debts of the United States, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
Nicholas Gilman,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Huntington,
James Jackson,
John Lawrance,
Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior.

George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Thomas Scott,
Joshua Seney,
John Sevier,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,
Jonathan Sturges,
Thomas Sumpter,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are:

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Abiel Foster,
George Gale,
Elbridge Gerry,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Jonathan Grout,
George Leonard.

George Partridge,
Theodore Sedgwick,
William Smith, of *Maryland*,
William Smith, of *South Carolina*,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, "An act further to provide for the Payment of the Debts of the United States," and that the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence,

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act for the Establishment and Support of Light-houses, Beacons, Buoys, and Public Piers." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Madison, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to attend the Conference with the Senate, on the subject-matter of the third amendment proposed by the Senate, and depending between the two Houses, to the bill, entitled "An act to Regulate Trade and Intercourse with the Indian Tribes," made a report: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do recede from their disagreement to the said amendment, and do agree with the Senate therein.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Disabled Soldiers and Seamen, and of certain other persons, lately in the service of the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to enable the Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the River Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for establishing the fees and perquisites to be received by Consuls and Vice Consuls of the United States in foreign parts, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JULY 20.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined three enrolled bills: one entitled "An act providing for holding a Treaty or Treaties to establish peace with certain Indian tribes;" another entitled "An act to amend the act for the establishment and support of Light-houses, Beacons, Buoys, and Public Piers;" and another entitled "An act to regulate Trade and Intercourse with the Indian tribes;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill to enable the Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia line on Continental Establishment to obtain titles to certain Lands lying Northwest of the River Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act to enable the Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment to obtain titles to certain Lands lying Northwest of the River Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts: one entitled "An act for the Government and Regulation of Seamen in the Merchants' Service;" the other entitled "An act imposing duties on the Tonnage of Ships or Vessels."

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for establishing the fees and perquisites to be received by Consuls and Vice Consuls of the United States in foreign parts, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Boudinot took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A petition of Nathaniel Tracey was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim against the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of John Falconer was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for property taken and destroyed by the American Army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom were com-

mitted the reports of the Secretary of War on the several petitions of John Baylor, Anthony Walton White, and Stephen Steward: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said petitions be again referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to receive and examine such evidence as may be adduced in support of them, and to report the same, with his opinion on the merit of each of them, to the House.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation three enrolled bills: one entitled "An act providing for holding a Treaty or Treaties to establish peace with certain Indian tribes;" another entitled "An act to amend the act for the Establishment and Support of Light-houses, Beacons, Buoys, and Public Piers;" and another entitled "An act to regulate Trade and Intercourse with the Indian tribes."

An engrossed bill for establishing the fees and perquisites to be received by Consuls and Vice Consuls of the United States in foreign parts, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act concerning Consuls and Vice Consuls of the United States in foreign parts."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of John Tucker, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that the expense of procuring seals for the Supreme and Circuit Courts of the United States may be defrayed.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the managers appointed on the part of this House, to attend the conference with the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act providing more effectually for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States," made a report: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do insist on so much of their disagreement to the first amendment, as proposes to strike out the second section of the bill, and the words, "And be it further enacted," in the third section; and do agree to such other parts of the said amendment as proposes to strike out all the words in the first section, from the word "assembled," to the end thereof, with an amendment, to insert, in lieu of the words so stricken out, the following words: "That a Board, to consist of three Commissioners, be, and hereby is, established, to settle the accounts between the United States and the individual States; and the determination of a majority of the said Commissioners, on the claims submitted to them, shall be final and conclusive; and they shall have power to employ such number of Clerks as they may find necessary."

Resolved, That this House do insist on their disagreement to the second and sixth amendments, and do recede from their disagreement to the third, fourth, fifth, and seventh amendments.

Resolved, That this House do disagree to the amendment proposed by the conferees, in the third line of the third section, for striking out the word "July," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "April."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Emanuel Lutterloh, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the debt of the United States," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JULY 22.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for registering Ships or Vessels, for regulating those employed in the Coasting Trade and Fisheries, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President, did this day approve and sign three acts: one entitled "An act providing for holding a Treaty or Treaties to establish peace with certain Indian tribes; another entitled "An act to amend the act for the Establishment and Support of Light-houses, Beacons, Buoys, and Public Piers;" and another entitled "An act to regulate Trade and Intercourse with the Indian tribes."

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering his report of a uniform system for the disposition of Lands, the property of the United States, made pursuant to an order of the House of the twentieth of January last; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gerry, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to attend a conference with the Senate on the subject matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States," made a report: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do adhere to their disagreement to the first amendment—
Ayes, 35, Noes, 20.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fizzsimons,
William Floyd,
George Gale,
Elbridge Gerry,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Huntington,
James Jackson,
Samuel Livermore,

James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Peter Muhlenburg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
Joshua Seney,
John Sevier,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Sturges,
Thomas Sumpter,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining, and
Alexander White.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Abiel Foster,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Jonathan Grout,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,

George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
William Smith, of Maryland,
William Smith, of South Carolina,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Resolved, That this House do recede from their disagreement to the second amendment; also, do insist on their disagreement to the amendments to the twenty-fourth and thirty-first sections, with the following exceptions, to wit:

Twenty-fourth section, second line, after the word "persons," insert in a parenthesis, (other than Printers of Newspapers.)

Thirty-first section, strike out the words "agreeable to his report on the petition of Christopher Colles."

Resolved, That this House do recede from their disagreement to, and do agree with the Senate in, their first amendment to the eleventh section; also, to the amendment for striking out the thirteenth section, and to the amendment for striking out the twenty-third section, with the following amendment, to wit:

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow. And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JULY 23.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow. And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, JULY 24.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Stone, Mr. Silvester, and Mr. Coles, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the debt of the United States." Whereupon,

Line fortieth. Strike out "three," and insert "four."

It passed in the negative,	{ Ayes	29,
	{ Noes	32.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
William Floyd,
Nicholas Gilman,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,

George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Thomas Scott,
Joshua Seney,
John Sevier,
William Smith, *of Maryland*,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter, and
Hugh Williamson,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Edanus Burke,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Abiel Foster,
George Gale,
Elbridge Gerry,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Jonathan Grout,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,

George Leonard
George Partridge,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Alexander White, and
Henry Wynkoop.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendment by clauses, and made some progress therein.

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said amendment be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Clymer, from the committee to whom was re-committed the memorial of Thomas Barclay, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JULY 26.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an Enrolled Bill, entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate do adhere to their first amendment, a disagreement to which this House has adhered to, to the bill entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States;" they do also insist on some, and recede from other of their amendments to the said bill, a disagreement to which this House hath insisted on: The Senate have also agreed to a resolution respecting the pay of the Clerks in the Office of the Commissioner of Army Accounts; and to the resolution for defraying the expense of procuring seals for the Supreme and Circuit Courts of the United States, with an amendment to the said last resolution, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A petition of William Harris was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for property taken and destroyed in the service of the United States, during the late war.

George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining,

Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Alexander White, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Resolved, That the second clause or section of the said amendment be amended as followeth:

Line thirteenth, strike out "seven," and insert "eight."

Lines eighteenth and nineteenth, strike out "twenty-six dollars and eighty-eight cents," and insert "thirty-three dollars and one third of a dollar."

Line twenty-first, strike out "eight hundred," and insert "seven hundred and ninety-seven."

Line twenty-fifth, strike out "seven," and insert "eight."

Line thirty-first, strike out "three," and insert "four."

A motion was then made and seconded further to amend the said amendment, by striking out the fourth clause or section thereof, in the words following, to wit:

"And be it further enacted, That if the whole sum allowed to be subscribed in the debt or certificates of any State as aforesaid, shall not be subscribed within the time for that purpose limited, such State shall be entitled to receive, and shall receive, from the United States, an interest per centum per annum, upon so much of the said sum as shall not have been so subscribed, equal to that which would have accrued on the deficiency had the same been subscribed, in trust for the non-subscribing creditors of such State, who are holders of certificates or notes issued on account of services or supplies towards the prosecution of the late war, and the defence of the United States, or of some part thereof, to be paid in like manner as the interest on the stock which may be created by virtue of the said loan, and to continue until there shall be a settlement of accounts between the United States and the individual States; and in case a balance shall then appear in favor of such State, until provision shall be made for the said balance." And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Ayes 13,
 { Noes 47.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Isaac Coles,
Benjamin Contee,
Nicholas Gilman,
James Jackson,

Samuel Livermore,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
John Sevier, and
Hugh Williamson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Edanus Burke,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
George Gale,
Elbridge Gerry,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,
Jonathan Grout,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrence,
Richard Bland Lee,
George Leonard,
James Madison, junior,

Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
George Partridge,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seny,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith, of Maryland,
William Smith, of South Carolina,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Sturges,
Thomas Sumpter,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Alexander White, and
Henry Wynkoop.

the Hospitals at Williamsburg, Hanover town, and Petersburg, by order of the Commander in Chief of the Army of the United States, from the fifth of November, one thousand seven hundred and one, to the twentieth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and that the Auditor do settle his account accordingly.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Stone, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of John Stewart and John Davidson; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, covering his report on the petition of Sarah Stirling; also, a report of the arrearages due to the widows and orphans of officers, who died in the service of the United States, during the late war; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Skinner be discharged from farther proceeding thereon, and that the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the bill for registering ships or vessels, for regulating those employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for other purposes, be postponed until the next session of Congress.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was re-committed a report on the memorial of Thomas Barclay: Whereupon,

Resolved, That, in the settlement of the accounts of the said Thomas Barclay, he be allowed, exclusive of expenses charged by him in his said account, viz: As Consul in France for three years, the salary appointed by Congress, to that office: That on all goods purchased and shipped by him in Holland, for the United States, he be allowed a commission of two and a half per centum: That on the value of all the supplies of goods for the United States, re-packed and shipped by him in Holland, and in various ports in France, he be allowed one per centum: That as Commissioner for settling the accounts of receipts and expenditures of public moneys in Europe, for four years, he be allowed at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum: That, as agent for negotiating and concluding a commercial treaty with Morocco, he be allowed two thousand dollars.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Stone, Mr. Clymer, and Mr. Page, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment reported by the Committee of the Whole House to the bill for the relief of disabled soldiers and seamen, and of certain other persons, lately in the service of the United States, which lay on the table; and the said amendments being twice read at the Clerk's table, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States;" also, two enrolled resolves, one respecting the pay of the Clerks in the office of the Commissioner of Army Accounts; the other for defraying the expense of procuring seals for the Supreme, Circuit, and District Courts of the United States.

An engrossed bill for the relief of John Stewart and John Davidson was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of John Stewart and John Davidson."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Ayes 33,
Noes 27.

Elbridge Gerry,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Samuel Griffin,
 John Hathorn,
 James Jackson,
 John Lawrance,
 James Madison, junior,
 George Mathews,
 Andrew Moore,
 John Page,
 Josiah Parker,

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
 Joshua Seney,
 John Sevier,
 William Smith, of *Maryland*,
 John Steele,
 Jonathan Sturges,
 Thomas Sumpter,
 Jonathan Trumbull,
 John Vining, and
 Alexander White.

Resolved, That this House do recede from their third and fifth amendments proposed to the last amendment of the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act for the temporary establishment of the Post Office," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act for the temporary establishment of the Post Office.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to compensate Thomas Barclay for various public services was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to compensate Thomas Barclay for various public services."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Steele, from the committee appointed to examine into the proceedings of the several States, on the subject of the Amendments proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gerry, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Catharine Greene, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of John J. Miller, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be permitted to supply, from his gunpowder works, all such quantities of gunpowder as the demands of Government may require.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Sedgwick have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JULY 30.

A petition of Francis Dade was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The several petitions of Benjamin Brown, Simon Nathan, and John Griffith, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim against the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Stewart and John Davidson." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act for the temporary establishment of the Post Office.'" And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Catharine Greene: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House forthwith.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, but had come to no resolution thereupon.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills making provision for the officers of the Judicial Courts of the United States, and for Jurors and Witnesses attending the same.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Benson, Mr. Vining, and Mr. Smith, of South Carolina.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined four enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the Collection of Duties imposed by law on Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the Tonnage of ships or vessels;" another, entitled "An act for the relief of John Stewart and John Davidson;" another, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act for the temporary establishment of the Post Office;'" and another, entitled "An act making provision for the Debt of the United States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, for raising a Duty on the Tonnage of ships or vessels entering the ports of Patapsco, Savannah, and Providence.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Ames, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Seney.

A petition of Robert Provoost, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services performed during the late war. Also,

A petition of Richard Lloyd, praying compensation for services as late agent to General Hazen's regiment.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of War, on the petition of Sarah Stirling: Whereupon,

Resolved, That there be paid to Sarah Stirling, the widow of the late Major General Lord Stirling, the sum of six thousand nine hundred and seventy-two dollars, being the half-pay of a Major General in the late American Army, for the term of seven years.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Ashe, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation four enrolled bills: one entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the Duties imposed by law on Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the Tonnage of ships or vessels;" another, entitled "An act for the relief of John Stewart and John Davidson;" another, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act for the temporary establishment of the Post Office;'" and another, entitled "An act making provision for the debt of the United States."

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, together with a statement of his accounts of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys, from the first of April to the thirtieth of June, last inclusive, which were read. Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said statement, together with the statement for the preceding quarter, be referred to Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, Mr. Heister, and Mr. Parker; with instruction to examine the same, and report thereupon to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of War on the petition of Henry Emanuel Lutterloh: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do disagree to the said report, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3.

A petition of the Officers of the late Massachusetts line of the American Army, in behalf of themselves and the Soldiers of the said line, was presented to the House, and read, praying that further and adequate compensation may be made them for military services rendered during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Moses Rawlings, of the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do agree to the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, That the States of Virginia and North Carolina be permitted to enter into a compact for the purpose of opening a navigable canal between the waters of Pasquotank river in North Carolina, and those of the South branch of Elizabeth River, in Virginia, by incorporating a company, or by such other means as they shall find best for that purpose.”

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to Mr. Parker, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Burke, Mr. Steele, and Mr. Wadsworth.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, making further provision for the debt of the United States, so far as respects the assumption of the debt of the State of Georgia.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Jackson, Mr. Page, and Mr. Trumbull.

Mr. Ames, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, for raising a duty on the tonnage of ships or vessels entering the ports of Patapsco, Savannah, and Providence; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Jackson, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making further provision for the debt of the United States, so far as respects the assumption of the debt of the State of Georgia; which was received and read the first time.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.

An engrossed bill declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, for raising a duty on the tonnage of ships or vessels entering the ports of Patapsco, Savannah, and Providence, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, “An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the second instant, approve and sign two

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a bill or bills for adding two Commissioners to the Board established for settling the accounts between the United States and the individual States; and that Mr. Madison, Mr. Vining, and Mr. Wadsworth, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

And then the question being put, that the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time,

And so the said bill was rejected.

On motion,

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making an appropriation for discharging the claim of Sarah Alexander, the widow of the late Major General Lord Stirling, who died in the service of the United States; which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Ayes 36,
Noes 19.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Isaac Coles,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Samuel Griffin,
Jonathan Grout,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Huntington,

Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
George Partridge,
Thomas Scott,

Joshua Seney,
John Sevier,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Alexander White, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Elias Boudinot,
Lambert Cadwalader,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
John Hathorn,
James Jackson,
John Lawrence,
Samuel Livermore,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,

James Schureman,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith, (of Maryland,)
William Smith, (of S. Carolina,)
John Steele,
Jonathan Sturges, and
George Thatcher.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5.

A bill making an appropriation for discharging the claim of Sarah Alexander, the widow of the late Major General Lord Stirling, who died in the service of the United States, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury, under the direction of the President of the United States, do take measures for finishing the light house at Portland Head, in the District of Maine: *Provided*, the expense in finishing the same do not exceed fifteen hundred dollars.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Partridge, and Mr. Trumbull, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill making provision for the officers of the Supreme Court of the United States, and for jurors and witnesses attending the same, be discharged from farther proceeding thereon.

Ordered, That the Attorney General report to this House, at the next session of Congress, on such matters relative to the administration of justice under the authority of the United States, as may require to be remedied: And that he also report such provisions in the respective cases as he shall deem advisable.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did this day approve and sign an act, entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill for adding two Commissioners to the Board established for settling the accounts between the United States and the individual States was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act for adding two Commissioners to the Board established for settling the accounts between the United States and the individual States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On a motion made and seconded that a committee be appointed to prepare and report a bill to repeal, for a limited time, the fifth section of the act, entitled "An act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the Government of the United States:"

The previous question was demanded by five members, "Shall the main question to agree to the said motion, be now put;" and on the question, "Shall the main question be now put."

It passed in the negative, { Ayes 23,
 { Noes 35.

The ayes and noes being called for by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Egbert Benson,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Edanus Burke,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Huger,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,

Samuel Livermore,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
John Sevier,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith, *of Maryland*,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Brown,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Isaac Coles,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,

Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
George Partridge,
Thomas Scott,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining,
Alexander White,
Henry Wynkoop, and
Hugh Williamson.

And so the said motion was lost.

A petition of Alexander Macomb and William Edgar was presented to the House and read, praying to be released from a contract entered into with the United States, for the purchase of a quantity of Western lands.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House then, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making an appropriation for discharging the claim of Sarah Alexander, the widow of the late Major General Lord Stirling, who died in the service of the United States.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Thatcher, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to finish a light-house on Portland-head, in the District of Maine; which was received and read the first time.

On motion, the said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion,

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Isaac Coles,
Abiel Foster,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Huger,
James Jackson,
George Leonard,
James Madison, junior,

George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
George Partridge,
Thomas Scott,
Joshua Seney,
John Sevier,
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,
John Steele,
Thomas Sumpter,
George Thatcher,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
George Gale,
Elbridge Gerry,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,

Samuel Livermore,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith, *of Maryland*,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Sturges,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
Henry Wynkoop.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, *August 6th*, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have directed my Secretary to lay before you a copy of an exemplified copy of a law, to ratify, on the part of the State of New Jersey, certain amendments to the Constitution of the United States, together with a copy of a letter which accompanied said ratification, from the honorable Elisha Lawrence, Esq. Vice President of the State of New Jersey, to the President of the United States.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The letter and papers accompanying the said message were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Vining, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Adam Caldwell; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to compensate Thomas Barclay for various public services," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7.

A bill for the appointment of a Surveyor General for the United States was read the second time; and, on the question that the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time,

It passed in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with statements of additional sums necessary to be provided for the support of Government by farther appropriations; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have disagreed to the resolution of this House respecting the claim of Francis Mentges; also to the bill, entitled "An act for adding two Commissioners to the Board established for settling the accounts between the United States and individual States." The Senate have, also, passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of disabled soldiers and seamen, lately in the service of the United States, and of certain other persons," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering his report on the subject-matter of sundry petitions, praying a renewal of Continental Loan Office Certificates destroyed through accident; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House then, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars, out of the moneys arising from the duties on imports and tonnage, be reserved and appropriated for satisfying demands against the United States, not otherwise specially provided for; and that an act for that purpose ought to be passed the present session.

Resolved, That, out of the moneys reserved during the present session for the support of Government, from the duties on imports and tonnage, a sum not exceeding thirty-eight thousand eight hundred and ninety-two dollars and seventy-five cents, be appropriated, for the payment of the debts contracted by Abraham Skinner, late Commissary of Prisoners, for the subsistence of the Officers of the late army while in captivity.

Resolved, That provision, by law, should be immediately made for the appropriation of the surplus sum which shall remain in the Treasury after all the appropriations, made during the present session, shall be satisfied, in conformity to the tenor of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Vining, Mr. Madison, Mr. Ames, and Mr. Benson, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to finish the light-house on Portland-head, in the District of Maine. Also, the bill, entitled "An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia Line, on Continental Establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Adam Caldwell.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Seney took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House, of the sixth instant, authorizing the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate to close the present session of Congress, by adjourning their respective Houses on Tuesday next, to meet again the first Monday in December next. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Partridge have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Adam Caldwell was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Adam Caldwell.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had examined three enrolled bills: one entitled "An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States;" another, entitled "An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the River Ohio, between the Miami and Sciota;" and another, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to finish the light-house on Portland-head, in the District of Maine;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the Committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making certain appropriations therein mentioned; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of disabled soldiers and seamen lately in the service of the United States, and of certain other persons;" and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the Committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making provision for the reduction of the public debt; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for discharging the claim of Sarah Alexander, the widow of the late Major General Lord Stirling, who died in the service of the United States," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House then, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the bill making provision for the reduction of the public debt.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation three enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States;" another, entitled "An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia Line, on Continental Establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota;" and another, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to finish the light-house on Portland-head, in the District of Maine."

Mr. Smith, (of South Carolina,) from the Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the United States, for the two last quarters, reported that the Committee had examined the same, and found them to agree with the several certified statements thereon, by the Auditor, admitted by the Comptroller of the Treasury, and registered by the Register.

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Olis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the Circuit Courts in the States of South Carolina and Georgia;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House: The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment, and the same being read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Gilman, Mr. White, and Mr. Smith, (of South Carolina,) be a Committee, to join with such Committee as the Senate shall appoint, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to prepare and report to this House, on the second Monday of December next, such further provision as may, in his opinion, be necessary for establishing the public credit.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the Circuit Courts in the States of South Carolina and Georgia," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Resolved, That all surveys of lands in the Western Territory, made under the direction of the late geographer, Thomas Hutchins, agreeably to contracts for a part of the said lands, made with the late Board of Treasury, be returned to, and perfected by, the Secretary of the Treasury, so as to complete the said contracts; and that the said Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorized to direct the making and completing any other surveys that remain to be made, so as to comply, on the part of the United States, with the several contracts aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the Circuit Courts in the States of South Carolina and Georgia."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill, with the amendments, was then read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill making provision for the reduction of the public debt, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making provision for the reduction of the public debt."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House then, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making certain appropriations therein mentioned.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Livermore took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Ordered, That the representation from the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the subject of the Whale and Cod Fisheries, together with the several papers accompanying the same, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report his opinion thereupon to the next session of Congress.

Ordered, That the Speaker of this House do transmit to the Executive Authority of each State, an authentic copy of the resolution of the eighteenth of May last, on the report of the committee to whom it was referred to consider and report their opinion on the question "when, according to the Constitution, the terms for which the President, Vice President, Senators, and Representatives, have been respectively chosen, shall be deemed to have commenced."

An engrossed bill making certain Appropriations therein mentioned, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making certain Appropriations therein mentioned."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Moses Hazen; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign three acts, to wit:

An act making further provision for the Payment of the Debts of the United States.

An act to enable the Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia line on Continental Establishment to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the River Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota.

An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to finish the light-house on Portland-head, in the District of Maine.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the Circuit Courts of the United States in the States of South Carolina and Georgia, and providing that the District Court of Pennsylvania shall, in future, be held in the city of Philadelphia only. The Senate have also agreed to the resolution respecting the completion of certain surveys directed by a resolution of the late Congress. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined four enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act for the relief of Disabled Soldiers and Seamen lately in the service of the United States, and of certain other persons;" another, entitled "An act for the relief of the persons therein mentioned or described;" another, entitled "An act declaring the Assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations;" and another, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the Circuit Courts of the United States in the States of South Carolina and Georgia, and providing that the District Court of Pennsylvania shall, in future, be held in the city of Philadelphia only;" and found them to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have come to a resolution that the resolution of the sixth

instant, authorizing the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate to close the present session, by adjourning their respective Houses on this day, be repealed, and that, instead thereof, they be authorized to adjourn their respective Houses on the twelfth instant, to meet again on the first Monday in December next; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution, and the same being read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation, four enrolled bills, to wit: one, entitled "An act for the relief of Disabled Soldiers and Seamen, lately in the service of the United States, and of certain other persons;" another, entitled "An act declaring the Assent of Congress to certain Acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations;" another, entitled "An act for the relief of the Persons therein mentioned or described;" and another, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the Circuit Courts of the United States in the States of South Carolina and Georgia, and providing that the District Court of Pennsylvania shall, in future, be held in the city of Philadelphia only."

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with the committee appointed by this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the Reduction of the Public Debt," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments; and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to alter the times for holding the Circuit Courts of the United States in the States of South Carolina and Georgia, and providing that the District Court of Pennsylvania shall, in future, be held in the city of Philadelphia only." And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this House be given to the Corporation of the City of New York, for the elegant and convenient accommodations provided for Congress; and that Mr. Speaker be desired to communicate this resolve to the Mayor of the said city, and to signify to him that it is the wish of the House that the Corporation will permit such articles of the furniture, &c. now in the City Hall, as have been provided by Congress, to remain for the use of that building.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee appointed to notify the President of the United States of the proposed recess of Congress, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making certain Appropriations therein mentioned," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments; and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act making provision for the Reduction of the Public Debt;" the other entitled "An act making certain Appropriations therein mentioned;" also, an enrolled resolve respecting the completion of certain Surveys directed by a resolution of the late Congress, and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills and resolve.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.

Mr. Gilman, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee did, yesterday, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation, two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act making certain Appropriations therein mentioned;" the other entitled "An act making provision for the Reduction of the Public Debt;" also, an enrolled resolve respecting the completion of certain Surveys, directed by a resolution of the late Congress.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the eleventh instant, approve and sign three acts: one entitled "An act declaring the Assent of Congress to certain Acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations;" another entitled "An act for the relief of Disabled Soldiers and Seamen lately in the service of the United States, and of certain other persons;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of the persons therein mentioned or described;" also, that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts; one entitled "An act making certain appropriations therein mentioned;" the other entitled "An act making provision for the Reduction of the Public Debt;" also, an enrolled resolve respecting the completion of certain Surveys, directed by a resolution of the late Congress.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that this House, having completed the business before them, are now about to proceed to close the present session by an adjournment on their part, agreeably to the order of the tenth instant; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The Clerk accordingly went with the said message; and being returned,

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House, that the Senate, having completed the Legislative business before them, are now ready to close the present session by an adjournment on their part. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Speaker then adjourned the House until the first Monday in December next.

APPENDIX.

Ratification of the Constitution of the United States, by the State of North Carolina.

UNITED STATES, *January 11, 1790.*

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

I have directed Mr. Lear, my private Secretary, to lay before you a copy of the adoption and ratification of the Constitution of the United States, by the State of North Carolina, together with a copy of a letter from his Excellency Samuel Johnston, President of the Convention of said State, to the President of the United States.

The originals of the papers which are herewith transmitted to you, will be lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

G. WASHINGTON.

“ *FAYETTEVILLE, State of North Carolina, December 4, 1789.*

“ *SIR: By order of the Convention of the People of this State, I have the honor to transmit to you the ratification and adoption of the Constitution of the United States by the said Convention, in behalf of the People.*

“ *With sentiments of the highest consideration and respect, I have the honor to be,*

“ *Sir, your most faithful and obedient servant,*

“ *SAMUEL JOHNSTON, President of the Convention.*

“ *To the PRESIDENT of the United States.”*

I do certify the above to be a true copy from the original.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*

“ *A Copy of the Adoption and Ratification of the Constitution of the United States by the State of North Carolina.*

“ *STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.—IN CONVENTION.*

“ *Whereas the General Convention which met in Philadelphia in pursuance of a recommendation of Congress, did recommend to the citizens of the United States, a Constitution or form of government, in the following words, viz. “We the People,” &c.*

[Here follows the Constitution of the United States, verbatim.]

“ *Resolved, That this Convention, in behalf of the freemen, citizens, and inhabitants, of the State of North Carolina, do adopt and ratify the said Constitution and form of government.*

“ *Done in Convention this 21st day of November, 1789.*

“ *SAMUEL JOHNSTON, President of the Convention.*

“ *J. HUNT, JAMES TAYLOR, Secretaries.”*

By the direction of the President of the United States, I have examined and compared the foregoing with the adoption and ratification of the Constitution of the United States by the State of North Carolina, which was transmitted to the President of the United States by Samuel Johnston, President of the Convention of said State—as well as the transcript of the Constitution of the United States recited in the said ratification, which I certify to be a true copy.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*

Ratification of the Constitution of the United States, by the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

UNITED STATES, June 16th, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

The ratification of the Constitution of the United States of America, by the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, was received by me last night, together with a letter to the President of the United States, from the President of the Convention. I have directed my Secretary to lay before you a copy of each.

G. WASHINGTON.

“RHODE ISLAND:

“NEWPORT, June 9th, 1790.

“SIR: I had, on the 29th ultimo, the satisfaction of addressing you, after the ratification of the Constitution of the United States of America, by the Convention of this State. I have now the honor of enclosing the Ratification as then agreed upon by the Convention of the People of this State. The Legislature is now in session in this town; an appointment of Senators will undoubtedly take place in the present week, and from what appears to be the sense of the Legislature, it may be expected that the gentlemen who may be appointed, will immediately proceed to take their seats in the Senate of the United States.

“I have the honor to be, with great respect, Sir, your obedient humble servant,

“DANIEL OWEN, *President.*

“PRESIDENT of the United States.”

[The Constitution of the United States of America precedes the following Ratification.]

Ratification of the Constitution by the Convention of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

“We, the Delegates of the People of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, duly elected and met in Convention, having maturely considered the Constitution for the United States of America, agreed to on the seventeenth day of September, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, by the Convention then assembled at Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (a copy whereof precedes these presents,) and having also seriously and deliberately considered the present situation of this State, do declare and make known:

First. That there are certain natural rights, of which men, when they form a social compact, cannot deprive or divest their posterity, among which are the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety.

Second. That all power is naturally vested in, and consequently derived from, the People; that magistrates, therefore, are their trustees and agents, and at all times amenable to them.

Third. That the powers of Government may be reassumed by the People, whensoever it shall become necessary to their happiness. That the rights of the States respectively to nominate and appoint all State officers, and every other power, jurisdiction, and right, which is not by the said Constitution clearly delegated to the Congress of the United States, or to the Departments of Government thereof, remain to the People of the several States, or their respective State Governments, to whom they may have granted the same; and that those clauses in the said Constitution, which declare that Congress shall not have or exercise certain powers, do not imply that Congress is entitled to any powers not given by the said Constitution; but such clauses are to be construed as exceptions to certain specified powers, or as inserted merely for greater caution.

Fourth. That religion, or the duty which we owe to our Creator, and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction, and not by force or violence; and therefore all men have an equal, natural, and unalienable right to the exercise of religion, according to the dictates of conscience; and that no particular religious sect or society ought to be favored or established by law, in preference to others.

Fifth. That the Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary powers of Government should be separate and distinct; and that the members of the two first may be restrained from oppression, by feeling and participating the public burthens, they should, at fixed periods, be reduced to a private station, return into the mass of the People, and the va-

cancies be supplied by certain and regular elections; in which all or any part of the former members to be eligible, or ineligible, as the rules of the Constitution of Government and the laws shall direct.

Sixth. That elections of Representatives in Legislatures ought to be free and frequent, and all men having sufficient evidence of permanent common interest with, and attachment to the community, ought to have the right of suffrage; and no aid, charge, tax, or fee, can be set, rated, or levied upon the People, without their own consent, or that of their Representatives so elected, nor can they be bound by any law to which they have not in like manner consented for the public good.

Seventh. That all power of suspending laws, or the execution of laws, by any authority, without the consent of the Representatives of the People in the Legislature, is injurious to their rights, and ought not to be exercised.

Eighth. That in all capital and criminal prosecutions, a man hath a right to demand the cause and nature of his accusation, to be confronted with the accusers and witnesses, to call for evidence and be allowed counsel in his favor, and to a fair and speedy trial by an impartial jury of his vicinage, without whose unanimous consent he cannot be found guilty, (except in the government of the land and naval forces,) nor can he be compelled to give evidence against himself.

Ninth. That no freeman ought to be taken, imprisoned, or dis seized, of his freehold, liberties, privileges, or franchises, or outlawed, or exiled, or in any manner destroyed or deprived of his life, liberty or property, but by the trial by jury, or by the law of the land.

Tenth. That every freeman restrained of his liberty, is entitled to a remedy, to inquire into the lawfulness thereof, and to remove the same if unlawful, and that such remedy ought not to be denied or delayed.

Eleventh. That in controversies respecting property, and in suits between man and man, the ancient trial by jury, as hath been exercised by us and our ancestors, from the time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary, is one of the greatest securities to the rights of the People, and ought to remain sacred and inviolable.

Twelfth. That every freeman ought to obtain right and justice, freely and without sale, completely and without denial, promptly and without delay; and that all establishments or regulations contravening these rights, are oppressive and unjust.

Thirteenth. That excessive bail ought not to be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel or unusual punishments inflicted.

Fourteenth. That every person has a right to be secure from all unreasonable searches and seizures of his person, his papers, or his property; and therefore, that all warrants to search suspected places, or seize any person, his papers or his property, without information upon oath or affirmation of sufficient cause, are grievous and oppressive; and that all general warrants (or such in which the place or person suspected are not particularly designated) are dangerous, and ought not to be granted.

Fifteenth. That the People have a right peaceably to assemble together, to consult for their common good, or to instruct their Representatives; and that every person has a right to petition or apply to the Legislature for redress of grievances.

Sixteenth. That the People have a right to freedom of speech, and of writing and publishing their sentiments. That freedom of the press is one of the greatest bulwarks of liberty, and ought not to be violated.

Seventeenth. That the People have a right to keep and bear arms; that a well regulated militia, including the body of the People capable of bearing arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defence of a free State; that the militia shall not be subject to martial law, except in time of war, rebellion, or insurrection; that standing armies in time of peace, are dangerous to liberty, and ought not to be kept up, except in cases of necessity; and that at all times the military should be under strict subordination to the civil power; that in time of peace no soldier ought to be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner, and in time of war only by the civil magistrate, in such manner as the law directs.

Eighteenth. That any person religiously scrupulous of bearing arms, ought to be exempted upon payment of an equivalent to employ another to bear arms in his stead.

Under these impressions, and declaring that the rights aforesaid cannot be abridged or violated, and that the explanations aforesaid are consistent with the said Constitution, and in confidence that the amendments hereafter mentioned will receive an early and mature consideration, and conformably to the fifth article of said Constitution, speedily become a part thereof—We the said delegates, in the name and in the behalf of the People of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do, by these presents, assent to and ratify the said Constitution. In full confidence, nevertheless, that until the amendments hereafter proposed and undermentioned, shall be agreed to and rat-

fixed, pursuant to the aforesaid fifth article, the militia of this State will not be continued in service out of this State for a longer term than six weeks, without the consent of the Legislature thereof; that the Congress will not make or alter any regulation in this State respecting the times, places, and manner, of holding elections for Senators or Representatives, unless the Legislature of this State shall neglect or refuse to make laws or regulations for the purpose, or from any circumstance be incapable of making the same, and that in those cases such power will only be exercised until the Legislature of this State shall make provision in the premises; that the Congress will not lay direct taxes within this State, but when the moneys arising from the impost, tonnage, and excise, shall be insufficient for the public exigencies, nor until the Congress shall have first made a requisition upon this State to assess, levy, and pay, the amount of such requisition, made agreeable to the census fixed in the said Constitution, in such way and manner as the Legislature of this State shall judge best, and that the Congress will not lay any capitation or poll-tax.

Done in Convention, at Newport, in the county of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, the twenty-ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and in the fourteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By order of the Convention.

DANIEL OWEN, *President*.

Attest. DANIEL UPDIKE, *Secretary*.

And the Convention do, in the name and behalf of the People of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, enjoin it upon their Senators and Representative or Representatives which may be elected to represent this State in Congress, to exert all their influence, and use all reasonable means, to obtain a ratification of the following amendments to the said Constitution, in the manner prescribed therein, and in all laws to be passed by the Congress in the mean time, to conform to the spirit of the said amendments, as far as the Constitution will admit.

AMENDMENTS.

First. The United States shall guaranty to each State its sovereignty, freedom, and independence, and every power, jurisdiction, and right, which is not by this Constitution expressly delegated to the United States.

Second. That Congress shall not alter, modify, or interfere in, the times, places, or manner, of holding elections for Senators and Representatives, or either of them, except when the Legislature of any State shall neglect, refuse, or be disabled by invasion or rebellion, to prescribe the same, or in case when the provision made by the State is so imperfect as that no consequent election is had, and then only until the Legislature of such State shall make provision in the premises.

Third. It is declared by the Convention, that the judicial power of the United States, in cases in which a State may be a party, does not extend to criminal prosecutions, or to authorize any suit by any person against a State: but to remove all doubts or controversies respecting the same, that it be especially expressed as a part of the Constitution of the United States, that Congress shall not, directly or indirectly, either by themselves, or through the Judiciary, interfere with any one of the States, in the redemption of paper money already emitted, and now in circulation, or in liquidating or discharging the public securities of any one State; that each and every State shall have the exclusive right of making such laws and regulations for the before mentioned purpose as they shall think proper.

Fourth. That no amendments to the Constitution of the United States, hereafter to be made pursuant to the fifth article, shall take effect, or become a part of the Constitution of the United States, after the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, without the consent of eleven of the States heretofore united under the Confederation.

Fifth. That the judicial powers of the United States shall extend to no possible case where the cause of action shall have originated before the ratification of this Constitution; except in disputes between States about their territory, disputes between persons claiming lands under grants of different States, and debts due to the United States.

Sixth. That no person shall be compelled to do military duty otherwise than by voluntary enlistment, except in cases of general invasion; any thing in the second paragraph of the sixth article of the Constitution, or any law made under the Constitution, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Seventh. That no capitation or poll tax shall ever be laid by Congress.

Eighth. In cases of direct taxes, Congress shall first make requisitions on the several States to assess, levy, and pay, their respective proportions of such requisitions, in such

way and manner as the Legislatures of the several States shall judge best: and in case any State shall neglect or refuse to pay its proportion pursuant to such requisition, then Congress may assess and levy such State's proportion, together with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, from the time prescribed in such requisition.

Ninth That Congress shall lay no direct taxes without the consent of the Legislatures of three fourths of the States in the Union.

Tenth. That the Journals of the proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives shall be published as soon as conveniently may be, at least once in every year; except such parts thereof relating to treaties, alliances, or military operations, as in their judgment require secrecy.

Eleventh. That regular statements of the receipts and expenditures of all public moneys, shall be published at least once a year.

Twelfth. As standing armies in time of peace are dangerous to liberty, and ought not to be kept up except in cases of necessity, and as at all times the military should be under strict subordination to the civil power, that therefore no standing army or regular troops shall be raised or kept up in time of peace.

Thirteenth. That no moneys be borrowed on the credit of the United States, without the assent of two-thirds of the Senators and Representatives present in each House.

Fourteenth. That the Congress shall not declare war without the concurrence of two-thirds of the Senators and Representatives present in each House.

Fifteenth. That the words "without the consent of Congress," in the seventh clause in the ninth section of the first article of the Constitution, be expunged.

Sixteenth. That no Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, shall hold any other office under the United States, or any of them; nor shall any officer appointed by Congress, or by the President and Senate of the United States, be permitted to hold any office under the appointment of any of the States.

Seventeenth. As a traffic tending to establish or continue the slavery of any part of the human species, is disgraceful to the cause of liberty and humanity, that Congress shall, as soon as may be, promote and establish such laws and regulations as may effectually prevent the importation of slaves of every description into the United States.

Eighteenth. That the State Legislatures have power to recall, when they think it expedient, their federal Senators, and to send others in their stead.

Nineteenth. That Congress have power to establish a uniform rule of inhabitaney or settlement of the poor of the different States throughout the United States.

Twentieth. That Congress erect no company with exclusive advantages of commerce.

Twenty-first. That when two members shall move or call for the ayes and nays on any question, they shall be entered on the journals of the Houses respectively.

Done in Convention, at Newport, in the county of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, the twenty-ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and the fourteenth year of the independence of the United States of America.

By order of the Convention.

DANIEL OWEN, *President.*

Attest. DANIEL UPDIKE, *Secretary.*"

A true copy.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*

Ratifications of the Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

BY THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

UNITED STATES, *February 15th, 1790.*

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have directed my Secretary to lay before you the copy of a vote of the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire, to accept the articles proposed in addition to, and amendment of, the Constitution of the United States of America, except the second article. At the same time will be delivered to you, the copy of a letter from his Excellency the President of the State of New Hampshire, to the President of the United States.

The originals of the abovementioned vote and letter will be lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

G. WASHINGTON.

“DURHAM, in New Hampshire, January 29th, 1790.

SIR : I have the honor to inclose you, for the information of Congress, a vote of the Assembly of this State to accept all the articles of amendments to the Constitution of the United States, except the second, which was rejected.

I have the honor to be, with the most profound respect, Sir, your most obedient, and very humble servant,

JOHN SULLIVAN.

The President of the United States.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

In the House of Representatives, January 25th, 1790.

Upon reading and maturely considering the proposed amendments to the Federal Constitution,

Voted, To accept the whole of said amendments, except the second article, which was rejected. Sent up for concurrence.

THOMAS BARTLETT, *Speaker.*

In Senate, the same day, read and concurred.

A true copy.

Attest,

J. PEARSON, *Secretary.*

JOSEPH PEARSON, *Secretary.*

I certify the above to be a true copy of the copy transmitted to the President of the United States.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*

BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

The People of the State of New York, by the grace of God free and independent:

To all to whom these presents shall come or may concern, greeting :

Know ye, that we, having inspected the records remaining in our Secretary's office, do find there a certain act of our Legislature, in the words following:

AN ACT ratifying certain Articles in addition to, and amendment of, the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by the Congress. :

Whereas, by the fifth article of the Constitution of the United States of America, it is provided that the Congress, whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the said Constitution, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the said Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by Congress:

And whereas, in the session of the Congress of the United States of America, begun and held at the city of New York, on Wednesday, the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, it was resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States ; all or any of which articles, when ratified by three-fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the said Constitution, viz :

Articles in addition to, and amendment of, the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress, and ratified by the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the fifth article of the original Constitution.

Article First. After the first enumeration required by the first article of the Constitution, there shall be one Representative for every thirty thousand, until the number shall amount to one hundred, after which the proportion shall be so regulated by Congress, that there shall be not less than one hundred Representatives, nor less than one Representative for every forty thousand persons, until the number of Representatives shall amount to two hundred ; after which, the proportion shall be so regulated by Congress that there shall not be less than two hundred Representatives, nor more than one Representative for every fifty thousand persons.

Article the Second. No law varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives shall take effect until an election of Representatives shall have intervened.

Article the Third. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the People peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Article the Fourth. A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Article the Fifth. No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Article the Sixth. The right of the People to be secure in their persons, papers, houses, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated; and no warrant shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Article the Seventh. No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia when in actual service, in time of war, or public danger; nor shall any person be subject, for the same offence, to be twice put into jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled, in any criminal case, to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

Article the Eighth. In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right of a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the State and District wherein the crime shall have been committed, which District shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor; and to have the assistance of counsel for his defence.

Article the Ninth. In suits of common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved; and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise examined, in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Article the Tenth. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel or unusual punishments inflicted.

Article the Eleventh. The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or to disparage others retained by the People.

Article the Twelfth. The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited to it by the States, are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the People.

And whereas the Legislature of this State have considered the said Articles, and do agree to the same, except the second Article: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of New York represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said Articles, except the second, shall be, and are hereby, ratified, by the Legislature of this State.

STATE OF NEW YORK, IN ASSEMBLY, *February 22, 1790.*

This bill having been read the third time,

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

By order of the Assembly:
GULIAN VERPLANCK, *Speaker.*

STATE OF NEW YORK, IN SENATE, *February 24, 1790.*

This bill having been read a third time,

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

By order of the Senate:
ISAAC ROOSEVELT, *President pro hac vice.*

COUNCIL OF REVISION, *February 27, 1790.*

Resolved, That it does not appear improper to the Council that this bill, entitled "An act ratifying certain Articles in addition to, and amendment of, the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by the Congress," should become a law of this State.

GEORGE CLINTON.

All which we have caused to be exemplified by these presents. In testimony whereof, we have caused these our letters to be made patent, and the Great Seal of our said State to be hereunto affixed. Witness our trusty and well beloved George Clinton, Esquire, Governor of our said State, General and Commander in Chief of all the Militia, and Admiral of the Navy of the same, at our City of New York, the twenty-

seventh day of March, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and in the fourteenth year of our Independence.

GEORGE CLINTON.

[*Seal Appendant.*]

Passed the Secretary's Office, the 27th March, 1790.

LEWIS A. SCOTT, *Secretary.*"

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the exemplification of an act transmitted to the President of United States, by the Governor of the State of New York.

TORIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*

UNITED STATES, *April 5th*, 1790.

BY THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

UNITED STATES, *March 16th*, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have directed my Secretary to lay before you the copy of an act, and the form of ratification of certain Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, by the State of Pennsylvania; together with the copy of a letter which accompanied the said act, from the Speaker of the House of Assembly of Pennsylvania, to the President of the United States. The originals of the above will be lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

G. WASHINGTON.

"IN ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA, *March 11th*, 1790.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit an exemplified copy of the act declaring the assent of this State to certain Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, that you may be pleased to lay it before Congress.

With the greatest respect, I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

RICHARD PETERS, *Speaker.*

His Excellency the PRESIDENT of the United States.

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, *to wit:*

In pursuance of a resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, being the Legislature thereof, I do hereby certify that the paper hereunto annexed contains an exact and true exemplification of the act whereof it purports to be a copy, by virtue whereof the several amendments therein mentioned, proposed to the Constitution of the United States, were, on the part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, agreed to, ratified, and confirmed.

Given under my hand, and the Seal of the State, this eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

RICHARD PETERS, *Speaker.*

[*Seal Appendant.*]

AN ACT declaring the assent of this State to certain amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

SECTION 1. Whereas, in pursuance of the fifth article of the Constitution of the United States, certain Articles of Amendment to the said Constitution have been proposed by the Congress of the United States, for the consideration of the Legislatures of the several States: And whereas this House, being the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, having maturely deliberated thereupon, have resolved to adopt and ratify the articles hereafter enumerated, as part of the Constitution of the United States:

SECTION 2. *Be it enacted, therefore, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That the following amendments to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by the Congress thereof, viz:

[Here follow the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth articles, which were proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States.]

Be, and they are hereby, ratified, on behalf of this State, to become, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States, part of the Constitution of the United States.

Signed by order of the House.

RICHARD PETERS, *Speaker of the General Assembly.*

I, Mathew Irwin, Esq. Master of the Rolls for the State of Pennsylvania, do certify the preceding writing to be a true copy, (or exemplification) of a certain law remaining in my office.

Witness my hand and Seal of Office, the eleventh of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

MATHEW IRWIN, M. R."

UNITED STATES, *March 16th*, 1790.

I certify the above to be a true copy from the original.

TOBIAS LEAR,

Secretary to the President of the United States.

BY THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

UNITED STATES, *MARCH 8*, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have received from his Excellency Joshua Clayton, President of the State of Delaware, the Articles proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States, as Amendments to the Constitution of the United States; which articles were transmitted to him for the consideration of the Legislature of Delaware, and are now returned, with the following resolutions annexed to them, viz:

"The General Assembly of Delaware having taken into their consideration the above Amendments, proposed by Congress to the respective Legislatures of the several States:

Resolved, That the first article be postponed.

Resolved, That the General Assembly do agree to the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth articles; and we do hereby assent to, ratify, and confirm, the same, as part of the Constitution of the United States.

In testimony whereof, we have caused the great seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, this twenty-eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and in the fourteenth year of the Independence of the Delaware State.

Signed by order of the Council.

GEO. MITCHELL, *Speaker*.

Signed by Order of the House of Assembly.

JEHU DAVIS, *Speaker*."

I have directed a copy of the letter which accompanied the said Articles from his Excellency Joshua Clayton to the President of the United States, to be laid before you.

The before mentioned Articles and the original of the letter, will be lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

G. WASHINGTON.

"SIR: Agreeably to the directions of the General Assembly of this State, I do myself the honor to enclose your Excellency their Ratification of the Articles proposed by Congress to be added to the Constitution of the United States, and am, with every sentiment of esteem, sir, your Excellency's most obedient, humble servant,

JOSHUA CLAYTON.

His Excellency GEORGE WASHINGTON,
President of the United States."

UNITED STATES, *MARCH 8*, 1790.

I hereby certify that the above letter is a true copy from the original.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*

BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

UNITED STATES, *January 25*, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have received from his Excellency John E. Howard, Governor of the State of Maryland, an act of the Legislature of Maryland to ratify certain Articles in addition to, and amendment of, the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States; and have directed my Secretary to lay a copy of the same before you, together with the copy of a letter accompanying the above act, from his Excellency the Governor of Maryland to the President of the United States. The originals will be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

"ANNAPOLIS, January 15th, 1790.

SIR: I have the honor to enclose a copy of an Act of the Legislature of Maryland, to ratify certain articles in addition to, and amendment of, the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.

I have the honor to be, with the highest respect, sir, your most obedient servant,

J. E. HOWARD.

His Excellency the PRESIDENT of the United States."

I do certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the original letter from John E. Howard, Governor of the State of Maryland, to the President of the United States.

TOBIAS LEAR,

Secretary to the President of the United States.

"AN ACT to ratify certain Articles in addition to, and amendment of, the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.

Whereas it is provided, by the fifth article of the Constitution of the United States of America, that Congress, whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the said Constitution; or, on the application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing amendments; which, in either case, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress:

And whereas, at a session of the United States, begun and held at the City of New York, on Wednesday, the fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, it was resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the said United States, in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States, all or any of which articles, when ratified by three-fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid, to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution, viz:

Article the First. After the first enumeration required by the first article of the Constitution, there shall be one Representative for every thirty thousand, until the number shall amount to one hundred; after which, the proportion shall be so regulated by Congress, that there shall be not less than one hundred Representatives, nor less than one Representative for every forty thousand persons, until the number of Representatives shall amount to two hundred; after which, the proportion shall be so regulated by Congress, that there shall not be less than two hundred Representatives, nor more than one Representative for every fifty thousand persons.

Article the Second. No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect until an election of Representatives shall have intervened.

Article the Third. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the People peaceably to assemble and petition the Government for redress of grievances.

Article the Fourth. A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Article the Fifth. No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner; nor, in time of war, but in manner to be prescribed by law.

Article the Sixth. The right of the People to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Article the Seventh. No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service, in time of war, or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put into jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled, in any criminal case, to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due pro-

cess of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

Article the Eighth. In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right of a speedy and public trial, by an impartial Jury, of the State and District wherein the crime shall have been committed, which District shall have been, previously, ascertained by law; and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defence.

Article the Ninth. In suits of common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial, by Jury, shall be preserved; and no fact, tried by a Jury, shall be otherwise re-examined, in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Article the Tenth. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Article the Eleventh. The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the People.

Article the Twelfth. The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the People.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the aforesaid articles, and each of them, be, and they are hereby, confirmed and ratified.

By the House of Delegates, December 17th, 1789.

Read and assented to.

By order.

W. HARWOOD, *Clerk.*

By the Senate, December 19th, 1790.

Read and assented to.

By order.

H. RIDGELY, *Clerk.*

J. E. HOWARD, [*Seal appendant.*]

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy from the original engrossed act, as passed by the Legislature of the State of Maryland.

T. JOHNSON, Jun. *Clerk Council.*

MARYLAND, ss.

In testimony that Thomas Johnson, Jun. is Clerk of the Executive Council for the State of Maryland, I have hereto affixed the Great Seal of the said State.

Witness my hand, this fifteenth day of January, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

SAMUEL HARVEY HOWARD,
Register Court Chancery.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the act transmitted to the President of the United States, by J. E. Howard, Governor of the State of Maryland.

TOBIAS LEAR,
Secretary to the President of the United States.

BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

UNITED STATES, April 1, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have directed my Private Secretary to lay before you a copy of the adoption, by the Legislature of South Carolina, of the articles proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States, as Amendments to the Constitution of the United States; together with the copy of a letter from the Governor of the State of South Carolina to the President of the United States, which have lately come to my hands.

The originals of the foregoing will be lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

G. WASHINGTON.

“CHARLESTON, January 28th, 1790.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit you the entire adoption, by the Legislature of this State, of the Amendments proposed to the Constitution of the United States.

I am, with the most perfect esteem and respect, your most obedient servant,

CHARLES PINCKNEY.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

January 18th, 1790.

The House took into consideration the report of the committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Congress of the United States, of the fourth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, viz:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Begun and held at the City of New York, on Wednesday, the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

The Conventions of a number of the States having, at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added. And, as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution:

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, all or any of which articles, when ratified by three-fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid, to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution, viz:

Articles in addition to, and amendment of, the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress, and ratified by the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the fifth article of the original Constitution.

Article the First. After the first enumeration, required by the first article of the Constitution, there shall be one Representative for every thirty thousand, until the number shall amount to one hundred; after which, the proportion shall be so regulated by Congress, that there shall not be less than one hundred Representatives, nor less than one Representative for every forty thousand persons, until the number of Representatives shall amount to two hundred; after which, the proportion shall be so regulated by Congress, that there shall not be less than two hundred Representatives, nor more than one Representative for every fifty thousand.

Article the Second. No law, varying the compensation for services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect until an election of Representatives shall have intervened.

Article the Third. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the People peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Article the Fourth. A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Article the Fifth. No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner; nor, in time of war, but in a manner prescribed by law.

Article the Sixth. The right of the People to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Article the Seventh. No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service, in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject, for the same offence, to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled, in any criminal case, to be a witness against himself; nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Article the Eighth. In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right of a speedy and public trial, by an impartial Jury, of the State and District wherein the crime shall have been committed, which District shall have been, previously, ascertained by law; and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defence.

Article the Ninth. In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial, by jury, shall be preserved; and no fact, tried by a Jury, shall be otherwise re-examined, in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Article the Tenth. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Article the Eleventh. The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny, or disparage, others, retained by the People.

Article the Twelfth. The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the People.

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN ADAMS,

Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.

Attest, JOHN BECKLEY, *Clerk of the House of Representatives.*
SAMUEL A. OTIS, *Secretary of the Senate.*

Which being read through, was agreed to : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do adopt the said several articles, and that they become a part of the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, That the resolutions be sent to the Senate for their concurrence.

By order of the House :

JACOB READ, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

IN SENATE, *January 19th, 1790.*

Resolved, That this House do concur with the House of Representatives in the foregoing resolutions.

By order of the Senate :

D. DE SAUSSURE, *President of the Senate.*"

BY THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

UNITED STATES, *June 11th, 1790.*

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have directed my Secretary to lay before you a copy of the ratifications of the Amendments to the Constitution of the United States by the State of North Carolina; together with an extract from a letter, accompanying the said ratification, from the Governor of the State of North Carolina to the President of the United States.

G. WASHINGTON.

Extract of a Letter from his Excellency Alexander Martin, Governor of the State of North Carolina, to the President of the United States.

"ROCKINGHAM, *May 25th, 1790.*

SIR : I do myself the honor to transmit you, herewith enclosed, an Act of the General Assembly of this State; passed at their last session, entitled "An act to ratify the Amendments to the Constitution of the United States."

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

His Excellency ALEXANDER MARTIN, Esquire, Governor, Captain General, and Commander in Chief in and over the said State.

To all to whom these Presents shall come :

It is certified that the Honorable James Glasgow, Esquire, who hath attested the annexed copy of an act of the General Assembly of this State, was, at the time thereof, and now is, Secretary of the said State, and that full faith and credit are due to his official acts.

Given under my hand, and the great seal of the State, at Danbury, the fourteenth day of February, Anno Dom. 1790, and in the 14th year of our Independence.

ALEXANDER MARTIN, [*Seal appendant.*]

By his Excellency's command :

THOMAS ROGERS, *D. Sec.*

AN ACT to ratify the Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

Whereas the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, on the fourth day of March, did resolve, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, all or any of which articles, when ratified by three-fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid, to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution:

[Here follow the several Articles of Amendment, verbatim, as proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.]

Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said Amendments, agreeable to the fifth article of the original Constitution, be held and ratified on the part of this State as articles in addition to, and amendment of, the Constitution of the United States of America.

CHA'S JOHNSON, S. S.
S. CABARRUS, C. H. C.

Read three times, and ratified in General Assembly, this 22d day of December, Anno Domini 1789.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

I, James Glasgow, Secretary of the said State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original act of the Assembly filed in the Secretary's office. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, this tenth day of February, 1790.

JAMES GLASGOW."

UNITED STATES, June 11, 1790.

I do certify the preceding to be a true copy of the transcript of the act transmitted to the President of the United States, by his Excellency Governor Martin.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*

BY THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

UNITED STATES, June 30, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

An act of the Legislature of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, for ratifying certain articles as amendments to the Constitution of the United States, was yesterday put into my hands ; and I have directed my Secretary to lay a copy of the same before you.

G. WASHINGTON.

"By his Excellency Arthur Fenner, Esquire, Governor, Captain General, and Commander in Chief of and over the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Be it known, That Henry Ward, Esquire, who hath under his hand certified the annexed paper, purporting an act of the General Assembly of the said State to be a true copy, is Secretary of the said State, duly elected, and engaged according to law. Wherefore unto his certificate of that matter, full faith is to be rendered.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the said State, at Providence, this fifteenth day of June, A. D. 1790, and in the fourteenth year of Independence.

ARTHUR FENNER.

By his Excellency's command :

HENRY WARD, *Secretary.*

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

In General Assembly, June Session, A. D. 1790.

AN ACT for ratifying certain articles as Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, and which were proposed by the Congress of the said States, at their session in March, A. D. 1789, to the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the fifth article of the aforesaid Constitution.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly, and by the authority thereof it is hereby enacted, That the following articles, proposed by the Congress of the United States of America, at their session in March, A. D. 1789, to the Legislatures of the several States, for ratification, as Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, pursuant to the fifth

article of the said Constitution, be, and the same are hereby, fully assented to, and ratified on the part of this State, to wit :

After the first enumeration required by the first article of the Constitution, there shall be one Representative for every thirty thousand, until the number shall amount to one hundred ; after which, the proportion shall be so regulated by Congress, that there shall not be less than one hundred Representatives, nor less than one Representative for every forty thousand persons, until the number of Representatives shall amount to two hundred ; after which, the proportion shall be so regulated by Congress, that there shall not be less than two hundred Representatives, nor more than one Representative for every fifty thousand persons.

Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press ; or to the right of the People peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner ; nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

The right of the People to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated ; and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury ; except in cases arising in the land and naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger. Nor shall any person be subject, for the same offence, to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb ; nor shall be compelled, in any criminal case, to be a witness against himself ; nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law : Nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and District wherein the crime shall have been committed, which District shall have been previously ascertained by law ; and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation ; to be confronted with the witnesses against him ; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor ; and to have the assistance of counsel for his defence.

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved : And no fact tried by a jury shall otherwise be re-examined in any court of the United States than according to the rules of the common law.

Excessive bail shall not be required ; nor excessive fines imposed ; nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the People.

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the People.

It is *ordered*, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit to the President of the said United States, under the seal of this State, a copy of this act, to be communicated to the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the said United States.

A true copy, duly examined.

Witness,

HENRY WARD, *Secretary.*"

BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

UNITED STATES, August 6, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have directed my Secretary to lay before you a copy of an exemplified copy of a law to ratify, on the part of the State of New Jersey, certain amendments to the Constitution of the United States ; together with the copy of a letter which accompanied the said ratification, from the Honorable Elisha Lawrence, Esquire, Vice President of the State of New Jersey, to the President of the United States.

G. WASHINGTON.

"BURLINGTON, August 4, 1790.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit an exemplified copy of a law of the State of New Jersey, ratifying certain amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

I have the honor to be, your most obedient, humble servant,

ELISHA LAWRENCE.

The President of the United States."

A true copy. TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*

"STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

The Honorable Elisha Lawrence, Esquire, Vice President, Captain General and Commander in Chief in and over the State of New Jersey, and territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor and Ordinary in the same:

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

These are to certify, that Bowes Reed, Esquire, whose name is subscribed to the annexed certificate, certifying the annexed law to be a true copy taken from the original enrolled in his office, is, and was at the time of signing thereof, Secretary of the State of New Jersey; and that full faith and credit is, and ought to be due to his attestation as such.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the great seal of the State of New Jersey to be hereunto affixed, at the City of Burlington, the third day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and of our Independence the fifteenth.

ELISHA LAWRENCE.

By His Honor's command.

BOWES REED, *Secretary.*

STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

AN ACT to ratify, on the part of this State, certain Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

Whereas the Congress of the United States, begun and held at the City of New York, on Wednesday, the fourth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, resolved, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, that sundry Articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, all or any of which articles, when ratified by three-fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution:

And whereas the President of the United States did, in pursuance of a resolve of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, transmit to the Governor of this State the Amendments proposed by Congress, which were by him laid before the Legislature for their consideration: Wherefore,

1. *Be it enacted by the Council and General Assembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the following Articles, proposed by Congress, in addition to, and amendment of, the Constitution of the United States, to wit:

[Here follow, verbatim, the first, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth Articles of the said Amendments proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.]

Be, and the same are hereby, ratified and adopted by the State of New Jersey.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, November 19th, 1789.

This bill having been three times read in this House,

Resolved, That the same do pass.

By order of the House:

JOHN BEATTY, *Speaker.*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, November 20, 1789.

This bill having been three times read in Council,

Resolved, That the same do pass.

By order of the House:

WILLIAM LIVINGSTON, *President.*

CITY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, August 3, 1790.

These are to certify that the annexed law is a true copy, taken from the original, enrolled in my office.

BOWES REED, *Secretary."*

I do certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an exemplified copy of a law transmitted to the President of the United States, by the Honorable Elisha Lawrence.

TOBIAS LEAR,

Secretary to the President of the United States.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES.

New York, January 28, 1790.

Sir: The act of September 2d, 1789, requiring a statement of my accounts to be laid before Congress, I transmit the copy under cover, to be presented to the Honorable the House of Representatives.

I have the honor to be, with perfect respect, sir, your most humble servant,

SAMUEL MEREDITH,
Treasurer of the United States.

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MÜLLENBERG, Esq.
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Auditor's Office, January 22, 1790.

I have examined the accounts of Samuel Meredith, Esq. Treasurer of the United States, commencing at the time he entered on the duties of his office, and ending on the 31st day of December, 1789, and find from his accounts, and the records of this Department, that he is chargeable for the following sums, viz.

To the President, Directors, and Company, of the Bank of North America, for moneys borrowed of said Bank,	\$90,000
To the President, Directors, and Company, of the Bank of New York, for moneys borrowed of said Bank,	80,000
To general account of moneys arising from the acts of Congress imposing duties on the tonnage of vessels, and on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, for the amount of warrants drawn in favor of the Treasurer on Collectors before 1st Jan. 1790,	178,607 24
To Joseph Howell, jun. Paymaster General, for cash paid by him into the general Treasury,	1,600

Amounting in the whole to \$350,207 24

I also find that warrants have been drawn on the Treasurer, during the period before stated, for the sum of \$323,537 91, which are charged in the Treasury books to the following general accounts:

To the appropriation of \$216,000, granted to defray the expenses of the civil list for the year 1789, under the late and present Government, by an act passed the 29th day of September, 1789,	\$145,928 89
To the appropriation of \$137,000, granted to defray the expenses of the Department of War for the year 1789, under the late and present Government, by an act passed the 29th day of September, 1789,	49,216 26
To the appropriation of \$190,000, granted for discharging warrants issued by the late Board of Treasury, and remaining unsatisfied, by an act passed the 29th day of September, 1789,	7,449 82
To the appropriation of \$20,000, granted for defraying the expenses of Indian treaties, by an act passed the 20th day of August, 1789,	20,000
To the President, Directors, and Company, of the Bank of North America, in part payment of moneys borrowed of said Bank,	50,940
To the President, Directors, and Company, of the Bank of New York, in part payment of moneys borrowed of said Bank,	48,402 94
To Joseph Howell, jun. Paymaster General, for this sum borrowed of him and repaid,	1,600

Amounting, as before stated, to \$323,537 91

Leaving a balance in the Treasury, agreeably to the records of this Department, of 26,669 33

\$350,207 24

I find by the Treasurer's accounts, that the following warrants, registered at the Treasury, and included in the expenditures before stated, had not been paid on the 31st December, 1789, viz.

Part of warrant No. 1, for compensation to the Members of the Senate.				
For this sum due to Jonathan Elmer, Esq.	-	-	-	\$966
do Caleb Strong, Esq.	-	-	-	1,127
do John Langdon, Esq.	-	-	-	754
Amount of warrant No. 58, in favor of Jonathan Sturges, Esq.	-	-	-	1,107
do 157, Tobias Lear, Esq.	-	-	-	2,000
do 159, William Seton & Co.	-	-	-	2,000
do 161, President and Directors of the Bank of New York,	-	-	-	10,000

Amounting in the whole to \$17,954

Also, that the Treasurer has gained, on a remittance of dollars 10,000, in gold, from Philadelphia, the sum of 6 28

Which, added to the last sum, will make \$17,960 28

It also appears that the following warrants have been drawn in favor of the Treasurer, on which he had not obtained payment, viz.

Part of warrant No. 30, on George Abbot Hall,	-	-	-	\$7,500
do 49, Benja. Lincoln,	-	-	-	3,500
Amount of do 56, William Lindsay,	-	-	-	4,500
do 57, Hudson Muse,	-	-	-	600
do 46, George Biscoe,	-	-	-	290

\$16,390

The balance of this statement being 1,570 28

\$17,960 28

when added to the balance appearing to be in the Treasury from the records of this Department, amounts to the sum of twenty-eight thousand two hundred and thirty-nine dollars and sixty-one cents, for which the said Samuel Meredith, Esq. was accountable to the United States on the first day of January, 1790.

It appears from the Treasurer's accounts, that this balance consisted of the following particulars, viz.

Payments for contingent expenses of both Houses of Congress, which, not having been included in the appropriations made by law, are suspended until legal warrants can be issued, viz.

Carter & Titlar's bill for cabinet work,	-	-	-	\$138 80
Samuel A. Otis, for the use of the Senate,	-	-	-	250
Do do do	-	-	-	150
Gifford Dally, House of Representatives,	-	-	-	250
Do do do	-	-	-	100
Thomas Greenleaf, printer for do	-	-	-	400
				<u>1,288 80</u>

Charges of protest on three bills drawn upon William Lindsay, for which no appropriation has been made, 41 47

Money in the Bank of North America,	-	-	-	\$475 53
Notes of said Bank in the Bank of New York,	-	-	-	4,450
Money in the Bank of New York, including an error of \$19 80, stated by the Treasurer,	-	-	-	21,983 81
				<u>26,909 34</u>

Amounting, as before stated, to \$28,239 61

The several warrants charged by the Treasurer are, except those numbered 58, 157, 159, and 161, which remained unpaid, as before stated, herewith transmitted, with the statement thereof, for the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury thereon.

OLIVER WOLCOTT, jun. Auditor.

To NICHOLAS EVELEIGH, Esq.

Comptroller of the Treasury.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, 28th January, 1790.

I admit and certify the preceding statement. The Register will make entry accordingly.

NICHOLAS EVELEIGH, *Comptroller.*

January 28th, 1790.

Entered on record in conformity ; the foregoing being true copies.

JOSEPH NOURSE, *Register.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Auditor's Office, January 23d, 1790.

I have examined the accounts of Samuel Meredith, Esq. Treasurer of the United States, for indents of interest received and issued by him, from the time he entered on the duties of his office, to the 31st day of December, 1789, and find that he is chargeable for the following sums, viz:

To Michael Hillegas, Esq. late Treasurer, for this sum in indents received per warrant No. 11,	\$937,257
To fractional sums added by the Treasurer to indents issued on warrants for the payment of interest,	6 25
Amounting to \$937,263 25	

I also find that the said Treasurer has paid, on legal warrants, for which he ought to have credit, the following sums, viz:

By Thomas Smith, Loan Officer in Pennsylvania,	53,400
By William Imlay, do in Connecticut,	22,250
By account of interest for payment of interest on the domestic debt,	39,988 25
\$115,638 25	
Leaving a balance in the hands of the said Treasurer, for which he was accountable to the United States, on the 1st January, 1790,	821,625
\$937,263 25	

Which, from an examination of the books of indents in the hands of the said Treasurer, and an inspection of his accounts, appears to have actually been in the Treasury on said day, agreeably to the statement and vouchers herewith transmitted for the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury thereon.

OLIVER WOLCOTT, jun. *Auditor.*

To NICHOLAS EVELEIGH, Esq.
Comptroller of the Treasury.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, January 28th, 1790.

I admit and certify the preceding statement. The Register will make the entry accordingly.

NICHOLAS EVELEIGH, *Comptroller.*

January 28th, 1790.

Entered on record in conformity; the foregoing being true copies.

JOSEPH NOURSE, *Register.*

Receipts and Payments in Indents of Interest by the Treasurer of the United States.

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APPENDIX.

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1789.	WARRANTS PAID.	Dols. Cts.	1798.	WARRANTS RECEIVED.	Dols. Cts.
Nov. 23. No. 1,	favor Thomas Smith, Loan Officer for Pennsylvania,	22,250 00	Oct. 7.	No. 11, on Michael Hillegas,	937,257 00
27.	William Imlay, Connecticut,	11,125 00		Amount of fractions added to warrants for bal-	
	Comf. Sands, Attorney for Wm. Johnson & Co.	1,081 22		ances,	6 25
Dec. 12.	George Taylor,	46 58			
25,	James Gray,	503 27			
3,	William Imlay, Loan Officer for Connecticut,	11,125 00			
19.	Daniel Davis, Attorney to Abel Seelye,	19 80			
22.	Charles Anderson,	54 40			
24.	John Delafeld,	2,116 15			
28.	Do.	7,291 30			
29.	John Van Eps,	4 68			
	Thomas Smith, Loan Officer for Pennsylvania,	31,150 00			
31.	Le Roy and Bayard, Attorneys to L. Espinasse & Co.	28,153 82			
	Do.	240 86			
	James Burnside,	259 42			
	Jonathan Lawrence, junior,	216 75			
	Balance this day in my hands,	821,625 00			
		<u>\$937,263 25</u>			<u>\$937,263 25</u>

January 1st, 1790.

SAMUEL MEREDITH, *Treasurer of the United States.*

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

Admitted and certified this 28th January, 1790.

NICHOLAS EVELEIGH, *Comptroller.*

REGISTER'S OFFICE, 28th January, 1790.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the original account filed on record in this office.

JOSEPH NOURSE, *Register.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Auditor's Office, January 23, 1790.

Examined by

OLIVER WOLCOTT, Jr. *Auditor.*

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

January 25, 1790.

Examined by

R. ROGERS.

Payments on Warrants by the Treasurer of the United States.

			No.	Dols. Cts.
Paid the compensations to the members of the Senate, pursuant to the Secretary of the Treasury's warrant,			1	26,009 00
Fred. Aug. Muhlenberg, Esq. Speaker of the House of Representatives,			2	2,418 00
Lamb. Cadwalader, Esq. Representative for New Jersey,			3	1,125 00
Isaac Coles, Esq.	do.	Virginia,	4	1,455 00
Peter Silvester, Esq.	do.	New York,	5	1,050 00
John Brown, Esq.	do.	Virginia,	6	1,182 00
Daniel Heister, Esq.	do.	Pennsylvania,	7	1,212 00
Jonathan Trumbull, Esq.	do.	Connecticut,	8	1,182 00
John Page, Esq.	do.	Virginia,	9	1,446 00
Fisher Ames, Esq.	do.	Massachusetts,	10	1,416 00
Thomas Hartley, Esq.	do.	Pennsylvania,	11	1,071 00
Peter Muhlenberg, Esq.	do.	do.	12	1,332 00
Andrew Moore, Esq.	do.	Virginia,	13	1,440 00
Thos. Fitzsimons, Esq.	do.	Pennsylvania,	14	1,233 00
George Clymer, Esq.	do.	do.	15	1,047 00
Michael J. Stone, Esq.	do.	Maryland,	16	1,005 00
Thomas Scott, Esq.	do.	Pennsylvania,	17	1,344 00
Alex. White, Esq.	do.	Virginia,	18	1,239 00
George Gale, Esq.	do.	Maryland,	19	1,290 00
George Thatcher, Esq.	do.	Massachusetts,	20	1,479 00
Daniel Carroll, Esq.	do.	Maryland,	21	1,213 00
Josiah Parker, Esq.	do.	Virginia,	22	1,254 00
William Floyd, Esq.	do.	New York,	23	990 00
Abiel Foster, Esq.	do.	N. Hampshire,	24	474 00
Samuel Livermore, Esq.	do.	do.	25	1,116 00
James Jackson, Esq.	do.	Georgia,	26	1,599 00
Abraham Baldwin, Esq.	do.	do.	27	1,599 00
George Partridge, Esq.	do.	Massachusetts,	28	1,242 00
Thomas Sinnickson, Esq.	do.	New Jersey,	29	978 00
James Schureman, Esq.	do.	do.	30	1,041 00
George Leonard, Esq.	do.	Massachusetts,	31	1,050 00
Benjamin Goodhue, Esq.	do.	do.	32	1,425 00
J. Van Rensselaer, Esq.	do.	New York,	33	960 00
John Hathorn, Esq.	do.	do.	34	960 00
Henry Wynkoop,	do.	Pennsylvania,	35	1,092 00
William Smith, Esq.	do.	Maryland,	36	1,281 00
Thomas Sumpter, Esq.	do.	S. Carolina,	37	1,278 00
Elbridge Gerry, Esq.	do.	Massachusetts,	38	1,413 00
Thomas T. Tucker, Esq.	do.	S. Carolina,	39	1,806 00
Joshua Seney, Esq.	do.	Maryland,	40	1,140 00
William Smith, Esq.	do.	S. Carolina,	41	1,578 00
Jonathan Grout, Esq.	do.	Massachusetts,	42	1,056 00
Elias Boudinot, Esq.	do.	New Jersey,	43	1,134 00
Theodorick Bland, Esq.	do.	Virginia,	44	1,428 00
Richard Bland Lee, Esq.	do.	do.	45	1,362 00
Roger Sherman, Esq.	do.	Connecticut,	46	1,266 00
Benjamin Contee, Esq.	do.	Maryland,	47	804 00
George Mathews, Esq.	do.	Georgia,	48	1,266 00
Jeremiah Wadsworth, Esq.	do.	Connecticut,	49	1,161 00
Benjamin Huntington, Esq.	do.	do.	50	1,350 00
Daniel Huger, Esq.	do.	S. Carolina,	51	1,578 00
Edanus Burke, Esq.	do.	do.	52	1,578 00
Samuel Griffin, Esq.	do.	Virginia,	53	1,443 00
J. Madison, Jr. Esq.	do.	do.	54	1,410 00
John Vining, Esq.	do.	Delaware,	55	990 00
Egbert Benson, Esq.	do.	New York,	56	1,092 00
John Lawrence, Esq.	do.	do.	57	1,050 00
Jonathan Sturges, Esq.	do.	Connecticut,	58	1,107 00
Nicholas Gilman, Esq.	do.	N. Hampshire,	59	1,447 20
T. Sedgwick, Esq.	do.	Massachusetts,	60	576 00

	No.	Dolls. Cts.
Salary to Samuel A. Otis, Esq. Secretary to the Senate,	61	1,069 17
Joseph Wheaton, Serjeant-at-Arms to the House of Representatives,	62	564 00
Benjamin Bankson, principal Clerk to the Senate,	63	435 00
William Lambert, principal Clerk to the House of Representatives,	64	546 00
Robert Heysham, engrossing Clerk to the Senate,	65	202 00
George Sutton, engrossing Clerk to the House of Representatives,	66	248 00
James Mathers, Doorkeeper to the Senate,	67	630 00
Gifford Dally, Doorkeeper to the House of Representatives,	68	645 66
Cornelius Maxwell, Messenger to the Senate,	69	350 00
Do. Messenger to the House of Representatives,	70	62 00
Thomas Claxton, Assistant Doorkeeper to do.	71	358 00
The Rev. William Linn, Chaplain to do.	72	208 00
Paid Robert Elliot and Elie Williams, on account of their contract for supplying the Army,	73	4,000 00
Henry Knox, towards carrying into execution treaties with Indian Tribes,	74	20,000 00
Tobias Lear, on account of the President's compensation,	75	1,000 00
John Beckley, his salary as Clerk to the House of Representatives,	76	1,114 00
Tobias Lear, on account of the President's compensation,	77	2,000 00
Do. do.	78	1,000 00
Joseph Howell, Jr. on account of forage, subsistence, and pay due the troops the present year,	79	24,177 54
Tobias Lear, on account of the President's compensation,	80	3,500 00
Do. do.	81	200 00
John Meyer, for contingent expenses of the Secretary of the Treasury's Office,	82	200 00
Tobias Lear, on account of the President's compensation,	83	300 00
John Adams, on account of his compensation as Vice President,	84	1,000 00
John Meyer, for contingent expenses of the Secretary of the Treasury's office,	85	200 00
William Seton and Co. on account of Robert Elliot and Elie Williams's contract for supply of the Army,	86	2,000 00
Patrick Ferrall, for contingent expenses of the office for settling accounts with individual States,	87	200 00
Joseph Howell, Jun. to reimburse him for the money borrowed of him by the Secretary of the Treasury,	88	1,600 00
Joseph Hardy, for contingent expenses of the Comptroller's Office,	89	200 00
Henry Remsen, for contingent expenses of the Office for Foreign Affairs,	90	50 00
John Adams, on account of his compensation as Vice President,	91	2,000 00
Elizabeth Bergan, her pension to the 10th September,	92	8 54
Do. do. 30th do.	93	2 91
Royal Flint, on account of a warrant, No. 1101, dated 3d March, 1789, on account of balance of his clothing contract,	94	3,000 00
Tobias Lear, on account of the President's compensation,	95	1,000 00
William Hill, on account of a balance due him on his contract clothing the troops,	96	6,500 00
Joseph Stretch, for contingent expenses of the Register's Office,	97	150 00
P. Dominique l'Eglise, his pension to 10th September,	98	23 33
Do. do. 30th do.	99	6 67
Jos. Bindon, for Jos. Traversic's pension to 10th Sept.	100	53 33
Do. do. 30th do.	101	6 67

	No.	Dolls.	Cts.
Paid Samuel Provost, for his salary as Chaplain to the Senate the 10th September, - - - - -	102	188	57
Samuel Provost, for his salary as Chaplain to the Senate the 29th September, - - - - -	103	26	02
A. G. Fraunces, for board, &c. of G. M. White Eyes, - - -	104	110	72
Joseph Nourse, salaries to the Register's Office to the 10th September, - - - - -	105	670	83
Joseph Nourse, salaries to the Register's Office to the 30th September, - - - - -	106	194	44
William Duer, salaries for the late Board of Treasury's Office, - - - - -	107	1,895	82
Joseph Hardy, salaries for the Accountant's Office, - - -	108	418	05
Henry Kuhl, his salary as late Clerk to the Treasury, - - -	109	88	56
Joseph Howell, Jun. salaries for the Pay Office to the 10th September, - - - - -	110	1,328	21
Joseph Howell, Jun. salaries for the Pay Office to the 30th September, - - - - -	111	375	35
Henry Knox, salaries for the War Office to the 10th September, - - - - -	112	768	04
Henry Knox, salary for the War Office to the 30th September, - - - - -	113	263	84
John Delafield, assignee to Arthur St. Clair, his salary as Governor of the Western Territory to the 10th September, - - - - -	114	388	89
John Delafield, assignee to Arthur St. Clair, his salary as Governor of the Western Territory to the 30th September, - - - - -	115	111	11
John Jay, salaries to the Office of Secretary for Foreign Affairs to the 10th September, - - - - -	116	1,088	87
John Jay, salaries to the office of Secretary for Foreign Affairs, to the 30th September, - - - - -	117	266	07
Royal Flint, on account of expenses incurred for temporary residence of the President, and for furniture, &c. - - -	118	5,000	00
John Jay, for his salary as Chief Justice of the United States, to 30th September, - - - - -	119	54	79
John Paulding, on account of his pension to the 10th Sept. - -	120	71	04
John Paulding, on account of his pension to the 30th Sept. - -	121	10	95
John Ramsay, house rent of the Board of Treasury to the 10th September - - - - -	122	162	50
John Ramsay, house rent of the Board of Treasury to the 30th October, - - - - -	123	62	50
William Irwine, John T. Gilman, and John Kean, Commissioners for settling accounts of individual States with the United States, salaries for their office to 10th September, - - -	124	1,400	47
William Irwine, John T. Gilman, and John Kean, Commissioners for settling accounts of Individual States with the United States, salaries for their office to 30th September, - - -	125	477	88
Smith and Wyckoff, for provisions supplied the troops at West Point, - - - - -	126	938	67
Smith and Wyckoff, for provisions supplied the troops at West Point, - - - - -	127	52	55
Robert Gilchrist, assignee to James M'Kenzie, his pension to the 10th September, - - - - -	128	17	78
Robert Gilchrist, assignee to James M'Kenzie, his pension to the 30th September, - - - - -	129	2	22
Robert Gilchrist, assignee to Joseph Brussell, his pension to the 10th September, - - - - -	130	17	78
Robert Gilchrist, assignee to Joseph Brussell, his pension to the 30th September, - - - - -	131	2	22
Nicholas Eveleigh, for salaries for the Comptroller's office, - -	132	230	00
Oliver Wolcott, for salaries for the Auditor's Office to the 30th September, - - - - -	133	92	87

	No.	Dolls.	Cts.
Paid John Meyer, contingent expenses for the Secretary of the Treasury's Office, - - - - -	135	150	00
Royal Flint, on account of expenses incurred for the temporary residence of the President, and for furniture, &c. - - -	136	500	00
Alexander Hamilton, salaries to the Secretary of the Treasury's Office to the 30th September, - - - - -	137	361	08
David Williams, on account of his pension to the 10th Sept. -	137	70	44
David Williams, on account of his pension to the 30th Sept. -	138	11	10
William Seton & Co. on account of Robert Elliot and Elie Williams's contract supplying the Army, - - - - -	139	2,000	00
Tobias Lear, on account of the President's compensation, -	140	1,000	00
Royal Flint, on account of expenses incurred for the temporary residence of the President, and for furniture, &c. - - -	141	1,000	00
William Hill, on account of his contract clothing the troops, -	142	5,000	00
Royal Flint, in full for a balance due him on his clothing contract, - - - - -	143	3,449	82
John Adams, on account of his compensation as Vice President, - - - - -	144	300	00
Melancton Smith, for rations delivered the troops at West Point, from the 1st to 31st July, 1789, - - - - -	145	175	51
Malancton Smith, for rations delivered the troops at West Point, from the 1st to 31st October, - - - - -	146	71	99
Royal Flint, on account of expenses incurred for the temporary residence of the President, and for furniture, &c. - - -	147	1,500	00
Henry Knox, on account of two warrants, No. 317, 318, drawn by the late Board of Treasury, - - - - -	148	1,000	00
Tobias Lear, on account of the President's compensation, -	149	2,000	00
William Hill, on account of a balance due on his clothing contract, - - - - -	150	1,500	00
Tobias Lear, on account of the President's compensation, -	151	500	00
Joseph Nourse, attorney for Richard Gridley, his pension to the 1st July last, - - - - -	152	444	40
Nicholas Eveleigh, on account salaries due the Comptroller's Office, - - - - -	153	60	00
Joseph Nourse, attorney to the youngest children of the late General Warren, their pension to the 1st July last, -	154	450	00
John Adams, on account of his compensation as Vice President, - - - - -	155	700	00
William Smith, on account of his issues of provisions at the Post of Springfield, - - - - -	156	800	00
President, Directors, &c. of Bank of North America, -	158	50,940	00
Do. New York, - - - - -	160	38,402	94
Do. do. - - - - -	161	10,000	00
Will. Seton & Co. on account Robert Elliot and Elie Williams' contract supplying the army, - - - - -	159	2,000	00
Tobias Lear, on account of the President's compensation, -	157	2,000	00
Balance carried forward, and accounted for in new account, -		26,669	33
		<u>Dollars,</u>	<u>350,207 24</u>

Receipts on Warrants by the Treasurer of the United States.

Received for the Secretary of the Treasury's warrant on	No.	Dolls.	Cts.
Joseph Hiller, Collector of Salem, - - - - -	1	350	00
Benjamin Lincoln, Boston, - - - - -	2	4,753	00
Do. do. - - - - -	3	800	00
Jedidiah Huntington, New London, - - - - -	4	2,000	00
Otho H. Williams, Baltimore, - - - - -	5	3,184	00
Do. do. - - - - -	6	267	00
Joseph Howell, jun. Paymaster General, - - - - -	6	1,600	00
James M'Cubbin Lingham, Collector of Georgetown, - - -	7	750	00
William Lindsay, Norfolk, - - - - -	8	300	00

		No.	Dolls. Cts.
William Heth,	Bermuda Hundred	9	334 00
John Habersham,	Savannah,	10	700 00
Jonathan Fitch,	New Haven,	11	900 00
Otho H. Williams,	Baltimore,	12	400 00
Charles Lee,	Alexandria,	13	750 00
George Abb. Hall,	Charleston,	14	1,100 00
William Heth,	Bermuda Hundred,	15	333 33
Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	16	1,447 20
Do.	do.	17	1,070 00
Do.	do.	18	500 00
Do.	do.	19	2,000 00
William Lindsay,	Norfolk,	20	500 00
Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	21	2,500 00
Do.	do.	22	500 00
George Burke,	Wilmington,	23	400 00
Joseph Whipple,	Portsmouth,	24	500 00
Jedidiah Huntington,	New London,	25	1,000 00
Samuel Smedly,	Fairfield,	26	200 00
Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	27	2,000 00
William Heth,	Bermuda Hundred,	28	1,000 00
Hudson Muse,	Tappahannock,	29	500 00
George Abbot Hall,	Charleston,	30	10,000 00
Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	31	1,500 00
Otho H. Williams,	Baltimore,	32	1,230 00
Charles Lee,	Alexandria,	33	115 00
Otho H. Williams,	Baltimore,	34	450 00
Do.	do.	35	2,500 00
John Scott,	Chestertown,	36	75 00
Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	37	500 00
George Bush,	Wilmington,	38	225 00
Charles Lee,	Alexandria,	39	270 00
Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	40	6,500 00
Charles Lee,	Alexandria,	41	150 00
Hudson Muse,	Tappahannock,	42	846 55
William Lindsay,	Norfolk,	43	900 00
Otho H. Williams,	Baltimore,	44	1,000 00
Do.	do.	45	2,000 00
George Biscoe,	Nottingham,	46	290 00
Charles Lee,	Alexandria,	47	305 00
William Heth,	Bermuda Hundred,	48	1,400 00
Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	49	10,000 00
Otho H. Williams,	Baltimore,	50	1,000 00
Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	51	3,500 00
George Bush,	Wilmington,	52	400 00
Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	53	449 82
Otho H. Williams,	Baltimore,	54	1,000 00
Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	55	300 00
William Lindsay,	Norfolk,	56	4,500 00
Hudson Muse,	Tappahannock,	57	600 00
Otho H. Williams,	Baltimore,	58	1,000 00
Charles Lee,	Alexandria,	59	150 00
William Lindsay,	Norfolk,	60	1,000 00
Otho H. Williams,	Baltimore,	61	1,000 00
Jedidiah Huntington,	New London,	62	600 00
Jonathan Fitch,	New Haven,	63	200 00
Sharp Delany,	Philadelphia,	64	50,940 00
John Lamb,	New York,	65	38,402 94
President, Directors, &c. of Bank of	New York,	1	20,000 00
Do.	North America,	2	50,000 00
Do.	New York,	3	30,000 00
Do.	North America,	4	20,000 00
Do.	New York,	5	20,000 00
Do.	do.	7	10,000 00

		No.	Dolls.	Cts.
President, Directors, &c. of the Bank of North America,	-	8	20,000	00
Otho H. Williams, Collector of	Baltimore,	66	475	00
Charles Lee,	Alexandria,	67	800	00
Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	68	994	40
			<u>\$ 350,207 24</u>	

SAMUEL MEREDITH, *Treasurer of the United States.*

Payments made upon Warrants for which there is no Appropriation.

		Dolls.	Cts.	Dolls.	Cts.
To Carter and Titlar, cabinet makers to the House of Representatives,	-	138	80		
Samuel A. Otis, for the use of the Senate,	-	250	00		
Do. do.	-	150	00		
Gifford Dally, for the use of the House of Representatives,	-	250	00		
Do. do.	-	100	00		
Thomas Greenleaf, printing for do.	-	400	00		
				1,288	80
Warrant No. 30, on G. A. Hall, Collector of Charleston,	-	10,000	00		
for which I have received only	-	2,500	00		
				7,500	00
Warrant No. 46, on George Biscoe, Collector of Nottingham,	-				
wholly unpaid,	-			290	00
49, Benjamin Lincoln, Collector of Boston,	-	10,000	00		
for which I have received only	-	6,500	00		
				3,500	00
56, William Lindsay, Collector of Norfolk,	-				
wholly unpaid,	-			4,500	00
Cost of protest and charges on three bills drawn upon William Lindsay, (no appropriation)	-			41	47
Pennsylvania Bank Post Notes in the Bank of New York,	-			4,450	00
Money in the Bank of North America,	-			475	53
Money in the Bank of New York,	-			21,964	01
Due by me, having by mistake paid specie for an indent warrant,	-			19	80
Warrant No. 57, on Hudson Muse, collector of Tappahannock, wholly unpaid,	-			600	00
				44,629	61

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Auditor's Office, January 22d, 1790.

The foregoing account of Samuel Meredith, Esq. Treasurer of the United States, has been examined by

OLIVER WOLCOTT, Jun. *Auditor.*

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, *January 25th, 1790.*

Examined by

R. ROGERS.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, *January 28th, 1790.*

Admitted,

NICHOLAS EVELEIGH, *Comptroller.*

REGISTER'S OFFICE, *28th January, 1790.*

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the original account filed on record in this office.

JOSEPH NOURSE, *Register.*

January 1st, 1790.

SAMUEL MEREDITH, *Treasurer of the United States.*

		<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>
Balance brought forward from page 322,	-	26,669	33
Part of warrant No. 1, in favor of the Members of the Senate, remaining unpaid, viz:			
Compensation to Jonathan Elmer, Esq. Senator from New Jersey,	966		
Caleb Strong, Esq. do. for Massachusetts,	1,127		
Part of do. John Langdon, Esq. do. for New Hampshire,	754		
		2,847	00
Warrant No. 58, to Jonathan Sturges, Esq. Representative for Connecticut unpaid,	-	1,107	00
157, Tobias Lear, Esq. on account of the President's compensation, unpaid,	-	2,000	00
159, William Seton & Co. account Robert Elliot and Elie Williams' contracts supplying the troops,	-	2,000	00
161, President, Directors, &c. of Bank of New York, for the loan unpaid,	-	10,000	00
Gain in ten thousand dollars in gold brought by the Assistant Secretary from Philadelphia,	-	6	28
		<i>Dollars,</i>	<u>44,629 61</u>